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Hon'ble Chief Minister at the Investment Conclave

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** handed over cheques for Rs. 15 lakh each to the family members of Tamil scholar Pulavar S. Rasu and deceased Tamil scholars Silamboli Su.Chellappan, Dr. Tho. Paramasivan and Pulavar Ilankumaranar, consequent on the nationalization of their works and also handed over cheques for Rs. 10 lakh each to the dependants of Thiru. Murugesa Bhagavathar and Thiru. Sankaravalli Nayagam at the Secretariat on 08.12.2021.

December 7: Flag Day

'Contribute generously to take care of the families of Armed forces personnel'

Flag Day is the day we recall the sacrifices of Armed Forces personnel, whose call of duty to protect the Motherland separates them from their kith and kin.

The Armed Forces personnel expose themselves to pouring rain and cold and protect India's glory by risking their own lives so that we breathe the air of Independence. Besides hailing their sacrifice, is it not our duty to provide their families a good life?

Let us wholeheartedly and liberally donate to the sale of flags on Flag Day so that they live with confidence. The Flag Day fund will benefit their families in many ways.

Tamil Nadu always enjoys a special place in donating funds for Flag Day, meant for those selfless heroes who cherish and protect our freedom. Let us provide funds in a big way this year also and dedicate our respects and gratitude to the ex-service men and their families.

- **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**,

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** donating to the Flag Day fund.

"Overcoming challenges, we won our freedom; Recording achievements, we will create history"

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"Andhanar Noorkum Arathirkkum Aadhiyaai
Nindradhu Mannavan Kol " -Kural: 543

It is the righteous rule of a government that forms the basis for the books of the noble-hearted as well as their worthy deeds.

- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural

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First Wrapper

In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, at the Tamil Nadu-Investor's First Port of Call Investment Conclave at CODISSIA Trade Centre Coimbatore, a Memoranda of Understanding were signed by the Tamil Nadu Government with various companies, on 23.11.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister presides over investment conclave at Coimbatore: 92,420 persons to gain jobs through 82 projects worth Rs. 52,549 crore

An investment conclave - 'Tamil Nadu - Investors First Port of Call' - presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** was held at the CODISSIA complex, Coimbatore on 23.11.2021. The conclave created job opportunities for 92,420 persons through 82 projects with an investment of Rs. 52,549 crore.

In this event, 59 Memoranda of Understanding with a total investment of Rs.35,208 crore and capable of creating employment opportunities to 76,795 persons, were signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The break-up is 52 MoUs bringing in an investment of Rs.34,723 crore and job opportunities to 74,835 persons and 7 industrial schemes on an investment of Rs.485 crore and jobs to 1,960 persons, to manufacture spare parts in Aero space and Defence sector.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also released a handbook prepared by TIDCO on aerospace and defence related industries in the State. The handbook carries information on manufacturing capacity of each enterprise, connectivity details, details about the manufactured goods, testing facilities, research centres, primary level industrial safety parks, Government subsidy etc. It will be distributed to the first and second tier enterprises on the defence industrial corridor to develop their opportunities and to OEM industries to strengthen the supply chain.

TIDCO proposes to set up a skill development centre with M/s Dassault Systemes to upgrade production in the Aero space and Defence sectors. The Centre, to come up on an investment of Rs. 212 crore, will provide performance skills like design, production up-gradation, proto-typing, skill and research development for aero space and defence enterprises and entrepreneurs. Besides creating new entrepreneurs in the aero space and defence sectors, the Centre will be useful in improving the efficiency of the workers in the existing small and micro industries. A Memoranda of Understanding for this was exchanged in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for 13 projects to be implemented on an investment of Rs.13,413 crore with job opportunities for 11,681 persons.

He launched the commercial production of 10 projects that will invest Rs. 3,928 crore and provide jobs to 3,944 persons.

Totally, through 82 projects investing Rs. 52,549 crore, job opportunities have been created for 92,420 persons. The investments will be across the State in 22 Districts which are Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu,Thiruvallur, Ranipet, Kallakurichi, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Namakkal, Salem, Tiruchirappalli, Pudukkottai, Karur, Erode, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Madurai, Dindigul, Virudhunagar, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Kanniyakumari.

As announced in the revised budget estimates for 2021-2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister released the 'Tamil Nadu Fintech Policy 2021' for the development of the Fintech Department and for attracting investments from developed fintech institutions. The policy also contains many specialities like a FinTech City for Chennai and Neo-Tidel Parks for the second and third tier cities in the State.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the upgraded single window portal 2.0 App. The app will be helpful not only to the present investors but to the new ones also. It has certain special features too like submitting applications, information about clearances, monitoring the status of clearance, clarifications and raising doubts.

He also released a coffee table book brought out in connection with the valedictory of the golden jubilee of the setting up of CODISSIA (Coimbatore District Small Scale Industries Association).

In a speech delivered later, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** said:

Dear Industries Minister Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Chairman of the TVS Sons company and my valued and respected (friend) Thiru. Venu Srinivasan, Chairman of the Bannariamman Group, President and Executives of GRG companies (PSG Group), Founder Trustee Tmt. Nandini Rangasamy, Managing Director of Daicel Company, Thiru. Yoshifumi Takase, CODISSIA President Thiru. Ramesh Babu, Additional Chief Secretary to the Industries Department Thiru. S. Krishnan who welcomed the audience, Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Chairman and Managing Director Thiru. Pankaj Kumar, Bansal, Industrial Guidance Bureau Managing Director Tmt. Pooja Kulkarni who is to propose a vote of thanks, Hon'ble Ministers who are gracing this function, MPs and MLAs, Coimbatore District Collector Dr. Sameeran, Officers of Consulates, experienced Captains of Industries, Senior Officers of Tamil Nadu Government, TV and Print media friends, Dear ones, my affectionate greetings to all of you.

All have made a mention, particularly Thiru. Venu Srinivasan proudly pointed out that this Government had achieved in 5 months what should have taken 5 years to achieve. You all know that this Government has faced many challenges from day one of assuming office. He said it. First Corona, we have not won over it completely, to an extent we have won. In its heels, now rains and the consequent floods. This Government has to fight Nature. We are at it. As the Government of Tamil Nadu is facing it with speedy and precise measures, we have succeeded to some extent.

This success can be ensured and made permanent only if every member of the Government acts with the sole intention of saving the people. First, I wish to convey my heart-felt thanks and respects, through this meeting, to all officials inclusive of the frontline workers.

A Government cannot function without the people, as the proverb goes, there can be no painting without a wall. The greatest work of a Government is to protect the people. This Government has scored a great success in that. Next, we are preparing projects and action plans for each Department and constructive steps to implement them.

In these trying times too, investments have been attracted on a large scale as far as Tamil Nadu is concerned. In the last 5 or 6 months, this is the 3rd investors' conclave – conducted for the third time.

In general parlance, conference means holding a meeting, speech making and placing demands. But this meet is different; it is one where agreements are signed. It is really laudable that all industrialists and industries have come forward, with confidence in the Government of Tamil Nadu. For this gesture, I wish to convey my thanks to all of them on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

We took over governance of the State in May; conducted the first investors' conclave in July; an exporters' conference in September; and now in November, I have come for the next investors' conference. That is, once in 2 months, a conference is held. At this rate Tamil Nadu will capture the first place in India; no one need entertain any doubt about it. I have confidence we will certainly achieve it.

I have mentioned one thing specially on several occasions and at many events. After a comparative study of the performance of Chief Ministers of many States, my name has been announced as No.1 Chief Minister. This is an honour, not only to me, to my Cabinet, to this Government but to every citizen of Tamil Nadu. This is how I look at it. More than mentioning me as No.1 Chief Minister, my aim is to create conditions whereby Tamil Nadu is adjudged as No.1 State. I spoke about this at Coimbatore yesterday and at a Government event at Tiruppur.

We are marching towards that goal. On this day alone, MoUs were signed, attracting an investment of Rs. 35,208 crore with a potential to create job opportunities for 76,795 persons.

I have stated that diversified development alone is real development. Accordingly, the investments are spread over 22 Districts. A situation has been created where youths in Districts can get job opportunities near their own places.

Land acquisition plays a big role for industries to invest in our State. In the recent Union Government's Industrial Park Rating System ranking of States, Tamil Nadu has come first. This is an honour for us. This strengthens our confidence that attaining the goal of a one trillion dollar economy is not far off.

We had announced in the revised budget estimates report for 2021-2022 that a Fintech City would be set up in Tamil Nadu. Today I have released the Tamil Nadu Fintech Policy – 2021 to make the State, by the year 2025, the hub of global fintech companies. A fintech city will be created in Tamil Nadu on 10 lakh sq.ft for fintech companies. A fintech division has also been created in the Industrial Guidance Bureau to work jointly with the fintech companies and provide upgraded services.

In the year 2000, Muthamizh Arignar Thalaivar Kalaignar declared open the Tidel Park in Chennai. This Park is an important factor for the information technology revolution in Tamil Nadu. To take this revolution to the next stage, Neo Tidel Parks will be set up in the second and third tier cities of the State.

As Coimbatore District leads the Country in the metal casting industry, a 'centre of excellence' will be set up to introduce modern technology in this industry.

To further upgrade the jewellery industry that provides employment to 50,000 persons in Coimbatore, small jewellery clusters will be set

up with Government subsidy. A cluster group will be set up in Pollachi Taluk at a cost of Rs.21 crore for coconut fibre processing industries.

Coimbatore District is a very important pillar of the industrial sector. No one doubts it. Conducting this conclave at Coimbatore after Chennai testifies to it. It has earned many names like 'Manchester of South India' and 'Pump city of India' and it is appropriate that the conclave is being held here. Coimbatore has become a centre of many industries instead of depending on one industry of importance. To make particular mention, it promotes industries like textiles, knitwear, poultry farms, coconut palm development, agriculture, small-scale industries, micro industries and what not. And all the industries are flourishing. Coimbatore is the second big city of Tamil Nadu and fifth big city in South India. Coimbatore is the substratum for the State's industrial development. I have come here to state that you should not rest your laurels. There are many more industries and I request you to pay attention to them also.

You should pay attention to the production of goods connected with aerospace and defence sectors. An AeroSpace and Defence Industrial Corridor is being laid in our State with Coimbatore as a terminal for encouraging the production of goods connected with these two sectors. The Government is making efforts to strengthen this sector at the global level by attracting investment to the tune of 10 billion American dollars with a job potential for one lakh persons in the next 10 years.

Big industries like L & T, LMW and TVS have invested in this sector. I have already announced in the Budget that an exclusive industrial park would be set up in Coimbatore for the production of aircraft and aero vehicle spare parts. As follow-up, an industrial estate park will be set up in Sulur. I request you all to make use of it effectively.

★ Knitwear and textile industries should be modernized. Though we export the products globally, competition from other countries is also high. The quality of our production should have the capacity to overtake the competition.

★ I wish to request you to segregate textiles, sector-wise like technology-oriented and textiles for the medical field, industries and sports and increase their production along with modernization.

★ The Government proposes to pay special attention to the electronics sector. This Government is determined to contribute 25 per cent in the export of electronic goods.

★ Like Kancheepuram and Krishnagiri Districts, Coimbatore also should bestow attention on electronics and electronic hard-ware production.

★ I wish to request you through this event, that we should prepare ourselves to the next stage of development by investing in sectors like these.

★ Kovai always rings a tone of hospitality and innovation.

★ Your innovations of motor pumps and wet grinders have surprised the world. Taking this as a cue, more and more rare innovations that benefit the poor people should be brought to public domain and to spur Tamil Nadu's industrial growth further.

Once again I convey my hearty thanks to the investors present here and to all industries for which foundation has been laid today. I convey my good wishes and congratulations for a grand success to your projects.

I wind up my speech thanking the officers of the Industries Department for this excellent event and industrialists for their participation and for the opportunity given to me.

Hon'ble Chief Minister introduces 'Valimai' cement

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, on behalf of the Industries Department, at the Secretariat on 16.11.2021, introduced a new high grade cement of the Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited by brand name 'Valimai' and inaugurated its sale.

The Alangulam Cement Factory, under the control of the Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited, with a production capacity of 2 lakh metric tonnes per annum, was inaugurated by the former Hon'ble Chief Minister, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar in the year 1970. Subsequently, the Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited started another cement unit in Ariyalur, with an annual capacity of 5 lakh metric tonnes and one more unit with an annual production of 10 lakh metric tonnes. The total capacity of these three cement units is 17 lakh metric tonnes and the Corporation's cement is marketed under the brand name 'Arasu'.

In the budget demand for the Industries Department for the year 2021-2022, the Hon'ble Minister for Industries announced that a new cement variety by name 'Valimai' would be introduced by the Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited. As per the announcement, the new high grade cement 'Valimai' has greater compression strength, quick setting and has higher heat resistance.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches agro farm scheme by distributing 73 lakh tree saplings to farmers

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 16.11.2021, inaugurated a new Agro Forest Scheme for farm lands by distributing 73 lakh tree saplings worth Rs. 11.14 crore, under the "Tamil Nadu Mission on Sustainable Green Cover in Farm Lands" to farmers.

The trees planted under the scheme will pave the way for a permanent income for the farmers, besides improving soil health and upgrading the overall green cover of the State and the environment.

The State Government has been devising many welfare schemes for farmers and implementing them. In continuation of such schemes, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the "Tamil Nadu Mission on Sustainable Green Cover in Farm Lands" which will provide additional income to farmers and employment for them throughout the year. In this connection, the Government has already issued an order for implementing the scheme in the State at a cost of Rs. 11.14 crore during the year 2021-2022.

Under the scheme, the farmers will be given saplings of trees such as Teak, Eetti, Mahogany, Maruthu, Neem, Hill Neem, Jamun, Perunelli, Red Sanders, Pungan, Vengai and Sandal. In the current year, 73 lakh tree saplings have been developed for distribution to farmers. For the successful implementation of the scheme, the Government has developed in its Forest Department nurseries, quality saplings at a cost of Rs. 15 per sapling. These will be given free of cost to the farmers. The farmers can plant these saplings either on the boundaries of their fields or on their own lands at a low cost. A minimum of 50 saplings will be given if they are to be planted on the boundaries of the land and 160 saplings per acre if they are to be planted in the farm lands.

The Government will give an incentive of Rs. 21 for 3 years at the rate of Rs. 7 per sapling per year from the second to fourth year for the best maintained saplings. Steps will be taken to record all the planted saplings in the Revenue Department's Adangal to enable the farmers to get permission without any difficulty from the Forest Department for harvesting these grown saplings.

Those who want to make use of the scheme, can register their names in the Agriculture Department Extension Centres or through Uzhavan App and get the required number of saplings free of cost from the nearby Tamil Nadu Forest Department's nurseries. Preference will be given to small and marginal farmers, as well as to women, Adi Dravidar and tribal farmers. ■

Hon'ble Chief Minister releases two volumes of V.O.Chidambaranar's collected writings

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 18.11.2021, released two volumes of the collected writings of freedom fighter V.O.Chidambaranar's writings on the run up to the year-long celebration of his 150th birth anniversary. The two volumes have been published by the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation.

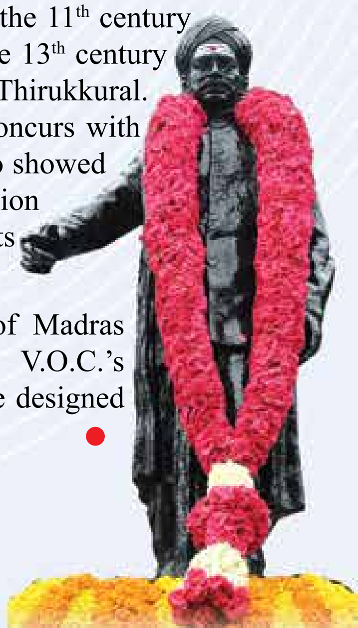
In connection with the 150th birth anniversary of V.O.Chidambaranar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister made 14 announcements in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. One of the announcements was to bring out the works of V.O.Chidambaranar in a well designed book form by the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation and make them available to the public at a subsidized cost.

Following the announcement, the Hon'ble Minister for School Education suggested that the unpublished works of the freedom fighter as well as his out-of-print books could be collected in four volumes and released by the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, in connection with the V.O.C.'s 150th birth anniversary celebrations.

In the first phase, the unreleased and out-of-print works of V.O.C. were collected and released under the title 'V.O.C. Pannool Thirattu' as the first collection of works. V.O.C.'s Thirukkural Urai (commentary) is the second volume.

In the first collection, the autobiography of V.O.C., his works Meiyyarivu (True Knowledge) and Meyyaram, his speech at the 1927 Congress meet, the book titled, 'Bharathi as seen by V.O.C.', his collection of poems and other articles are included. Along with these works, V.O.C.' s Thirukkural (Book of Virtue - Arathupal) along with his notes on Manakkudavar's commentary and his commentary on 'Innilai Viruthi' and 'Sivagnana Bodham' find a place in the first volume. V.O.C's translation of James Allen works titled, 'Manam Pol Vazhvu', 'Agame Puram', 'Valimaikku Maargam' and 'Shanthikku Maargam' are also included in the first book. Some more articles of V.O.C. also find a place as an appendix.

The second volume has the commentary written by V.O.C. on Thirukkural. V.O.Chidambaranar's contribution to the world of letters is no way less than his services to the Nation and his trade union activities. He conducted his life as per the norms described in Thirukkural and published Manakkudavar's commentary on the Thirukkural. V.O.C.'s publication of Manakkudavar's commentary on the Thirukkural is a momentous feat in the history of the great work of Thiruvalluvar. V.O.C. explained how the 11th century commentary of Manakkudavar differs from the 13th century commentary of Parimelazhagar on the Thirukkural. V.O.C. also pointed out how he differs and concurs with Parimelazhagar's Vaidic commentary and also showed that a reader has a liberty to form his own opinion on the meaning of the Thirukkural couplets while studying them.



Prof. V.Arasu, former Tamil professor of Madras University played a major role in collecting V.O.C.'s works and the cover pages of the volumes are designed by painter Thiru. Trotsky Maruthu.

Hon’ble Chief Minister releases Tamil Nadu State policy for children 2021

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 20.11.2021, released the Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children 2021, on behalf of the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department. The focus of the Policy is to provide children in the State a protected environment for their integrated growth and for getting their rights. On the same occasion, the Hon’ble Chief Minister, under the Financial Support Scheme, handed over financial assistance to 1,148 children and also appointment orders to 15 persons on compassionate grounds.

The State Government is of the view that it is imperative to formulate a separate policy for the children in the State, to enable them to live in a secure environment, to achieve integrated growth by providing them with their basic needs and to ensure their rights without any hindrance.

Taking these into consideration, the Tamil Nadu Government has developed the Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children 2021 to create a bright future for children, afford them protection, achieve sustainable development goals for the children, improve their nutrition, education and health and to do away with gender discrimination.

Following the announcement of the Hon’ble Chief Minister, who has immense love for children and concern for their welfare, Rs. 12.80 crore had been given to 256 children who lost both their parents in the COVID-19 pandemic, Rs. 194.79 crore to 6,493 children, who lost either one of their parents, totally Rs. 207.59 crore to 6,749 children in the State.

The State Government also announced that a monthly financial assistance of Rs. 2,000 each would be given to 1,148 children from the State’s own funds for three years under the Financial Support Scheme. In the current year, Rs. 1,37,76,000 has been sanctioned for the scheme. As a token, the Hon’ble Chief Minister distributed Rs. 2,000 each to 10 children. The Hon’ble Chief Minister, on behalf of the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, handed over appointment orders for posts under the Directorate of Social Welfare, to 7 persons on compassionate grounds, as a mark of distributing orders to the heirs of 15 persons, whose breadwinners died while in service, for the posts of Junior Assistant, Office Assistant and Night Watchman.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates completed schemes in Coimbatore District, lays foundation stone for new ones, distributes welfare assistance

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin**, at a Government function held at V.O.C ground in Coimbatore on 22.11.2021, inaugurated 70 completed schemes, costing Rs. 587.91 crore, laid foundation stones for 128 new schemes to be implemented at a cost of Rs. 89.73 crore, and distributed welfare assistance worth Rs. 646.61 crore to 25,123 beneficiaries.

Completed Schemes

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Public Works Department, Health and Family Welfare Department, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Agricultural Engineering Department, Co-operation Department, School Education Department, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, 70 completed Schemes, worth Rs. 587.91 crore were inaugurated.

Foundation stones laid for new Schemes

On behalf of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Public Works Department, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Health and Family Welfare Department, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board and Co-operation Department, the Hon'ble Chief Minister laid foundation stones for 128 new schemes, to be implemented at a cost of Rs. 89.73 crore.

Government welfare assistance

On behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Co-operation Department, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

Department, Welfare of Differently Abled Department, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Health and Family Welfare Department, Forests Department, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission, Horticulture and Plantation Crops Department, Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, Sericulture Department, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd., Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Government Welfare Assistance to 25,123 beneficiaries to the tune of Rs. 646.61 crore were distributed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said:
(English Translation)

Hon'ble Minister for Public Works Department, Thiru. E.V.Velu, who is gracing the occasion, Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development Thiru. S.Muthusamy, Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity Thiru. M.P.Saminathan and Hon'ble Minister for Forests, Thiru. K.Ramachandran, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise, Thiru.V. Senthilbalaji, who is responsible for the successful conduct of this function and monitors the development schemes in Coimbatore District and reviews whether the Government's welfare measures reach the beneficiaries, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma.Subramanian, Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare Tmt. N.Kayalvizhi Selvaraj, Tmt.Vanathi Srinivasan, MLA, former Union Minister Thiru. A.Raja, MP, Thiru. P.R.Natarajan, MP, Thiru. Anthiyur Selvaraj, MP and Thiru. Shanmugasundaram, M.P, District Collector,

Corporation Commissioner, members belonging to women Self-Help Groups, sisters, mothers, elders, and representatives from the print and visual media,

At the outset my warm welcome to all of you.

In the morning around 9.30 am, as Chief Minister of the State, I participated in the swearing-in ceremony of the Chief Justice of Madras High Court. Immediately, I rushed to Coimbatore by taking a flight. Though I arrived at Coimbatore at 11.30 am, it took two-and-a-half to three hours to reach the function spot. It was because people, women and elders throughout the route gathered on either side of the roads and gave an enthusiastic reception to me thereby delaying my arrival at the function. Though I am late, I have come here as the latest. I have come here to inaugurate various Government welfare schemes and to distribute welfare measures to beneficiaries.

A few weeks back, Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Senthilbalaji requested me to give an appointment on November 22 after finalizing the function arrangements. I gave the appointment for participating in the function. But only after coming here, I realized that it is more like a conference. For this, I congratulate, greet and thank the Hon'ble Minister. If the Minister says that it is a function,

it means it is a conference. Government welfare measures are to be distributed to thousands of people and schemes are to benefit lakhs of people. Overall, I am happy to participate in this function.

I congratulate Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Senthilbalaji, his associates, people's representatives and Government officials for successfully organizing this function.

Though we scored a considerable victory in the State in the last Legislative Assembly Elections, as far as Coimbatore District is concerned, we could not win as many seats as we thought. I don't want to talk about it at this juncture and make the function a political platform, because it is a Government function. Though we lost in Coimbatore District, I have come here to participate in a function in which I am able to meet thousands of people here, which is more important to me.

After getting the winning certificate from the Election Commission officials at Loyola College in the last Assembly Elections, the place where I went first was the memorial of our leader Kalaignar, where he was resting. After paying my respects to him, I met reporters, who asked me what my message was after scoring the big victory. At that time, I said I thank the people for giving this great victory. Not only for those who voted for us, I will serve even those who voted against our alliance. I am firm on this. At that time I said that I will not differentiate between people on any basis. I have been maintaining that stand till date and I will continue to maintain that stand and I will not change my stand on any account.

It was my mentor Perarignar Anna and leader Kalaignar who moulded me. On that basis I nominated Minister Thiru. Senthilbalaji to monitor the implementation of welfare schemes for Coimbatore District.

Where there is no Minister representation in the Cabinet for the District, for those districts I have nominated Ministers and asked them to take care of those Districts. Hon'ble Minister Senthilbalaji has been nominated for Coimbatore District. For the last one week, the Minister toured various places, met the people's representatives and reviewed the arrangements with Government officials. Due to that he received petitions from lakhs of people and was preparing to find solutions to their petitions. As far as the DMK Government is concerned, if a petition is given, action will definitely be taken on the petition. We will say that works have been completed if they have been completed. For some petitions and schemes, there will be legal hurdles or Court's interference. Due to that there will be some delay in acting on the petitions or completing the schemes. But I would like to give an assurance through this meeting. I have got the full authority to give the assurance.

During the election campaign, I toured all the constituencies in the State and received petitions from the public. I kept all these petitions in a locked box. I assured the voters that I will open the box after I came to power and take action on those petitions. At that time many politicians said that Stalin won't open the box and he was openly cheating the people. I don't want to give any explanation. At that time itself I said that we will do what we had said and we will tell what we

have done. This was the guiding principle of leader Kalaignar which has been etched in our hearts.

Immediately after forming the Government, we formed a separate Department – (Chief Minister in your constituency) Ungal Thoguthiyil Muthalamaichar. We opened all the boxes and action has been taken on lakhs of petitions. Hope you have seen in TV interviews, where members of the public told reporters that we had given petitions to Stalin and a solution was found in 100 days.

At the same time, for petitions, which we could not clear within 100 days, we have informed the petitioners the reason for the delay. Even now many people have given petitions to the Government. On my way, though many people greeted me, in many places, youth, the differently abled, ladies and men gave petitions. I received all the petitions. I assure you through this function that all those petitions will be taken into consideration and action will definitely be taken.

Though we announce many big schemes, it is important that individual grievances of people should be heard and they should be settled. I have given clear instructions to all Ministers that individual grievances of people should be met.

I inform you through this meeting that the DMK Government will wipe out the sorrow of every individual in Tamil Nadu.

Through this people's conference, I am happy to inaugurate various schemes for Coimbatore District.

The Government has allotted Rs. 1,132 crore for Coimbatore airport expansion plan, which has been pending for the last 10 years. Soon, work will start after the required land is acquired.

I have instructed officials to concentrate on drinking water needs of people in the District.

Schemes will be implemented ensuring twice a day supply of drinking water to people in Coimbatore Corporation limits.

Only during the DMK regime 10 years ago scheme roads were laid in Coimbatore Corporation areas. In the previous regime, no roads were laid.

I have instructed officials to expedite the laying of scheme roads. To implement 5 scheme roads, to upgrade roads in residential areas, works at a cost of Rs. 200 crore have been undertaken.

The Central Prison, which is now in the city, will be shifted to the outskirts.

New Underground drainage system at a cost Rs. 309 crore will be implemented in newly included Vellakinaru, Chinnavedampatti and Saravanampatti Villages in the Coimbatore Corporation.

Footpath and other facilities in Gandhipuram and the Semmozhi Poonga with meeting hall and open auditorium structure will be set up in two phases at a cost of Rs. 200 crore.

For improving the Solid Waste Management in Coimbatore Corporation areas, additional development works will be undertaken at a cost of Rs.11 crore.

To improve the medical facilities in the State, 63 welfare centres and 3 medical research centres will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 16 crore.

New street lamps will be installed at a cost Rs. 20 crore in areas where there are no street lamps.

Soon Government orders for these schemes will be issued, funds will be allocated and the works will be completed. I assure you in this meeting that the completed works will be made over to the people at the earliest.

The Government has planned to give more priority to Coimbatore Corporation like it is giving for the Chennai Corporation. To streamline the development of Coimbatore Corporation, Coimbatore Urban Development Authority will be formed and soon the Government Order will be issued.

We are not for making any announcements for the sake of making announcements. All the schemes have been announced after making due reviews and handed over to the Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Senthilbalaji. He is known for working hard without taking rest. I have selected such a man for the Coimbatore District and handed him over to you. We have taken a vow to make Coimbatore District the best district with all infrastructure facilities.

As far as Coimbatore District is concerned, it is an industrial district with resources. The District has not only got big industries, but has a lot of micro, small and medium industries. Through the industries in the District, the Government is getting good export revenue. Coimbatore is the backbone for the industrial development of the State. Other districts in the State should achieve the same industrial development like Coimbatore. This is not only your wish but mine too. Every district has its own type of industry. The Government has planned to concentrate on that industry for developing the District.

My aim is to develop Tamil Nadu as the best industrialized State and it should become the best industrial address of the country.

Tomorrow I am participating in the entrepreneurs meeting, in which many MoUs are to be signed, which will attract investments in crores of rupees and create lakhs of employment opportunities. Similar entrepreneurs meet will continue in the State. People will prosper only by industrial growth, which in turn will lead to the country's growth.

We will make Tamil Nadu the best industrialized State in the Country. I am proud to say that when it happens, Coimbatore will get the primary place.

I have been telling all these things just to brief you about the schemes, about the funds allotted for the schemes and when these schemes are to be completed. I am always for talking less and doing more. I am for more action and less talk. We have already started work to make the district the best industrialized District in the State. People like you should co-operate with us and extend assistance to us. With these words, I thank you for giving this opportunity to me.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the exhibition being held on behalf of various Government Departments at the V.O.C Ground.

Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes Rs. 55.61 crore welfare aid to 4,335 beneficiaries at Tiruppur

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** after launching 20 scheme works completed at a cost of Rs.28.17 crore, laying the foundation stone for 2 new scheme works valued at Rs. 41.24 lakh and distributing welfare assistance of Rs. 55.61 crore to 4,335 beneficiaries at a Government function held at Chikkanna Government Arts College complex, Tiruppur on 22.11.2021.

The President of this event, Hon'ble Minister for Information Thiru. M.P. Saminathan, Hon'ble Minister for PWD Thiru. E.V. Velu, Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries Thiru. T.M. Anbarasan, Hon'ble Minister for Forests Thiru. K. Ramachandran, Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare, Tmt. N. Kayalvizhi Selvaraj, The Nilgiris Member of Parliament and former Union Minister Thiru. A. Raja, Tiruppur Member of Parliament Thiru. K.S.Subbarayan, Erode MP Thiru. Ganesamoorthy, Pollachi MP Thiru. Shanmugasundaram, Rajya Sabha Member Thiru. Anthiyur Selvaraj, Member of Legislative Assembly Thiru. Selvaraj, officers and staffs of various Government Departments inclusive of the District Collector, Media Friends and Brothers, Members of Women Self Help Groups and Sisters, I extend my affectionate respects to all of you.

After attending the Government function at Kovai in the morning, I am proud to participate and speak at this Government function being held in Tiruppur District.

Tiruppur has many specialities and greatness. We are in a position to list the greatness, recorded in history. Perarignar Anna moulded us; Thanthai Periyar moulded Perarignar Anna. Where did these two great leaders meet each other for the first time? It was in the Tiruppur region. History has recorded it.

In such a place, I am really happy to participate in this event, meet you all, inaugurate distribution of welfare assistance and speak to you.

I have come to Tiruppur to hand over many welfare schemes. Not casually, but with the same exuberance, brightness of face and pride as you exhibit here. 'See God in the smile of the poor' is the saying; I see that directly in Tiruppur through you.

A cash assistance of Rs. 55.61 crore has been provided to 4,335 beneficiaries. You should realize that the benefit is for 4,335 families, not just for that number of individuals.

I have to state one other thing. The decision on holding this event was taken just 2 days ago. While works were afoot for the already arranged Coimbatore event, this District's Ministers Thiru. Saminathan and Tmt. Kayalvizhi Selvaraj conveyed their readiness to conduct a Government event at Tiruppur in the evening by utilizing my visit to Coimbatore. This happened just two days ago. When I voiced my doubts about the feasibility of conducting the meeting, they, with a determination, just wanted me to give the date. Not only have they carried out their resolve but also conducted this event successfully. For that, I wish to convey on behalf of all of you, on behalf of the Government and as Chief Minister, my greetings, appreciation and thanks to Ministers Thiru. Saminathan and Tmt. Kayalvizhi Selvaraj.

The financial assistance is from 18 Government Departments.

- Orders for accommodation in apartments have been issued;
- loan has been provided to start small, micro industries; fixed deposit certificates have been given to girl children;
- house site pattas have been given;
- pension for senior citizens and widows have been provided;
- assistance extended to the differently abled persons;
- family cards and medical insurance cards have been distributed;

When the DMK Government was formed, when you handed over this regime to us, I said: this Government will not be a party's Government; its victorious march will be as a Government representing a race. In that way, assistance has to be distributed to different sections of the Tamil community. Our Government is functioning in a way as to uplift all sections of Tamils.

Particularly I am really happy over the distribution of bank loans to the women Self Help Groups and beneficiaries under the Tamil Nadu Women Development corporation. About Rs. 25 crore of rupees are given as credit to 660 Self Help Groups.

When I think over this event, my mind goes back 10-15 years when I was the Local Administration Minister-Deputy Chief Minister. At that time also, financial assistance was given liberally to the women's Self Help Groups, whether as subsidy, loan or revolving fund. I recall all those events.

The customary practice in Government functions organized to distribute welfare

assistance was to hand it over to 10 persons as a token by the Minister, officer or a people's representative who had participated and informing the rest of the beneficiaries that theirs would be house-delivered by officers or asking them to collect the same from office.

But I changed this practice, as far as women Self Help Groups are concerned, when I was Local Administration Minister, Deputy Chief Minister. I told the officers that I would distribute the assistance to the last person, whether it be 500, 5,000 or 10,000 persons – not just for 5 or 10 persons. The recipients were given tokens and seated in order to receive the assistance. Some events that started at 10 a.m., were completed at 3 p.m. Ministers around me would suffer from leg pain; they would slip away for a time to take water, coffee or tea. But I would stand steadfast. I would stand in the dais till all the 5,000 persons were given the benefits. Don't think I am bragging. My intention was that the benefits should reach all the people. If I leave the place after handing over the benefits to 10 persons, it does not reach the rest of them sometimes. That is why, I made it a policy to remain and see that the benefits reach them fully.

I recall how some elderly women who had come to receive the benefits, used to query me with an assumed sense of right whether I did not develop pain in the legs when standing 4 to 5 hours at a stretch while they enjoyed the comfort of sitting. I told them that their brightened faces after receiving the benefits had the power to drive away my pain.

We provide credit to receive plenty of financial assistance. The DMK is a movement that has given great schemes to this Country. We earned a name at that time that DMK regime meant good governance in local administration. You know how it turned out to be lately. I don't want to waste time by describing it. I am not prepared to speak about politics. There is a separate forum for that. Hence I don't want to elaborate on it.

When we ruled, we brought and implemented a number of schemes like 'Namakku Naame Thittam', 'Anna Marumalarchi Thittam', a lot of 'Samathuvapurams' in the name of Thanthai Periyar, concrete houses, concrete roads, mini buses, an award in the name of Uthamar Gandhi for Village Panchayats, 'Kalaignar Insurance Scheme,' '108' ambulance service, maternity assistance, 'Kalaignarin Varumun Kaappom Thittam,' 'Kannoli Kaapom Thittam,' 'Idhayam Kappom Paathukappu Thittam', financial assistance scheme for marriage, financial assistance for inter caste marriage, widow re-marriage assistance scheme, financial assistance for the marriage of daughters of widows, marriage assistance for orphaned women and welfare board for trans-genders. One of the special schemes in this line is the women Self Help Group scheme. This scheme was first launched by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar in Dharmapuri District in 1989 when DMK captured power. He said then that he was inaugurating the scheme to help women live with self-respect and self-support and develop self-confidence. Thanthai Periyar started the Dravidian movement to stress that there should be no caste or gender

distinction. The DMK regime grew on that ideology and Kalaignar started this scheme so that women can stand on their own legs without expecting any mercy from anyone.

But in the last 10 years' rule, you know to what extent the Self Help Group scheme had deteriorated. During our rule, the Self Help Groups were treated with respect and their needs were met by the banks whenever they went for loans. In the last 10 years, the groups were made to lose their identity. It has been planned to revive it totally and today loan assistance to the extent of Rs.25 crore is to be provided through this event. In the last 6 months, Rs. 230 crore have been disbursed as loan to 5,420 Self Help Groups in Tiruppur District.

Soon after I became the Chief Minister, I made 5 important announcements. The important one amongst them is free bus travel for women. Likewise, I had totally waived co-operative loans to women Self Help Groups. This is a gesture of this regime's concern for the women's community. Like this, we have implemented many schemes for women and we are going to implement many more also.

In this event we have declared open many buildings.

★ Primary Health Centre at Pudhu Ramakrishnapuram, Tiruppur.

★ Scheme works connected with 11 Government Departments have been completed at an estimate of Rs.2,381 lakh in Tiruppur District and they are dedicated for people's use.

★ I have laid the foundation for the Kolumankuli Panchayat Office building, Gundadam Taluk and for the milk producers' co-operative society building at Puliyampatti Village, Mambadi Panchayat. I wish to inform you, it will be declared open shortly.

★ Tiruppur District is an industrial District. It is particularly a hub for micro, small and medium industries. You know the various steps taken by the Tamil Nadu Government to help the micro, small and medium level industries and for their development.

★ To make a particular mention, Rs. 179.19 crore was given as capital subsidy to 2,239 micro, small and medium level industries.

★ We have passed legislation in the Assembly for online registration of property documents for getting loans from banks and financial institutions.

★ Creation of a State loan guarantee fund has been announced. Shortly it will start functioning with a deposit of Rs. 100 crore. At an event this morning I announced that a Kovai Urban Development Authority will be set up, to provide greater importance to the development of Kovai Corporation area as had been done for Chennai Corporation area. Not only Chennai and Coimbatore – I wish to inform you of the happy news that a G.O. has been issued, keeping in mind the development of this District, for setting up a Tiruppur Urban Development Authority.

★ Under the New Entrepreneur and Industrial Development Scheme, the ceiling for subsidy has been hiked to Rs.75 lakh from Rs. 50 lakh. There are many such things. The reason for saying this, is that development of micro, small and medium level industries alone can uplift the poor, downtrodden and middle class

people. Keeping them in mind, our Government is designing plenty of schemes.

Just six months have passed since assuming governance. Four and a half years are still to go. If this is the volume of work executed in 6 months, you have to guess how much more, it would be in four and a half years. In these six months, we have performed works that would have ordinarily required one to two years to complete. These achievements are hailed, not only in Tamil Nadu – Thiru. A. Raja and others have spoken about it here, but by national news papers, adjoining states and even from foreign countries. Media in the neighbouring states of Andhra and Kerala have praised our performance and those events are also televised.

I don't take it as an encomium for the individual, Stalin. I feel this is for the people of Tamil Nadu. The performance of various Chief Ministers is ranked and Stalin is adjudged as No.1. It is a matter of pride; it gives happiness – not only to me, I include you also. But, we should make Tamil Nadu No.1 instead of ranking Chief Minister Stalin as No.1.

So, we are ready to work for you; you order us; we are ready to execute it. You believed us and voted for us. In turn we are working for you conscientiously. The DMK regime will work like this, not just for 5 months but for the entire 5 year period. I give you this assurance.

I am occupying this Chief Minister's seat as a representative of labourers, workers, farmers, the poor, downtrodden and middle class people, scheduled tribes, minorities, women, differently abled persons and transgenders. To help them, I have assumed the office of Chief Minister. I am ready to rule as one of you and with your support. Requesting you to continue to enthuse us, I take leave of you, thanking you for the opportunity given to me."

Later, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the 20 scheme works completed at an estimate of Rs.28.17 crore. The schemes pertain to the

Departments of Energy, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation Ltd., Revenue and Disaster Management, Municipal Administration and Water Supply and Health and Family Welfare.

He laid the foundation for 2 new scheme works costing Rs. 41.24 lakh, panchayat office building at a cost of Rs. 24.78 lakh at Kolumankuli, Gundadam Taluk on behalf of the District Rural Development Agency, functioning under the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj; and a milk producers' co-operative society building at a cost of Rs. 16.46 lakh at Puliampatti Village, Mampadi Panchayat, Dharapuram Taluk.

Following it, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed Government welfare assistance worth Rs. 55.61 crore to 4,335 beneficiaries on behalf of a number of Departments.

Earlier, he visited the exhibition pavilions set up at the Chikkanna Government Arts College complex, Tiruppur, by various Government Departments.

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens facilities worth Rs. 183.73 crore for farmers

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 16.11.2021, on behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, declared open storage godowns, auction centres, cleaning and sorting centres, sales offices and resting rooms for farmers, all constructed at a cost of Rs. 147.78 crore. He also opened Integrated Agriculture Extension Centres, constructed at a cost of Rs. 22.60 crore in the Regulated Markets in various Districts, educational buildings, costing Rs. 12.35 crore, in the research centres of Tamil Nadu Agriculture University and an Agriculture Engineering Extension Centre at a cost of Rs. One crore.

To give a greater thrust to agriculture, for the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu a separate budget for Agriculture was presented in the Legislative Assembly on 14.08.2021 after hearing the views of agriculturists and other stakeholders. The name of the Agriculture Department was changed to Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department to give priority to the welfare of the agriculturists. The Tamil Nadu Government has been implementing various schemes to increase the area under cultivation by another 11.75 lakh hectares and the net cultivable area from the current 60 per cent to 75 per cent.

For this, the State Government through the Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board constructed storage godowns, auction centres, grading and sorting centres, rest rooms for agriculturists and sales centres in the following regulated markets at a total cost of Rs.147.78 crore. Ariyalur District: Andimadam and Jayankondam; Coimbatore District: Kinathukadavu, Thondamuthur and Senjeri; Cuddalore District: Panrutti and Sethiathoppu; Krishnagiri District: Pochampalli and Uthangarai; Dindigul District: Dindigul, Batlagundu, Oddanchatram and Vadamadurai (Ayyalur); Erode District: Nadhipalayam; Kancheepuram District: Uthiramerur; Kallakuruchi District: Kallakuruchi, Sankarapuram and Thiyagadurgam; Madurai District: Melur; Nagapattinam District: Sembanarkoil and Thirupoondi; Pudukkottai District: Alangudi and Aranthangi; Ramanathapuram District: Ramanathapuram and Rajasingamangalam; Salem District: Karumanthurai; Sivagangai District: Sivagangai, Devakottai and Karaikudi; Thanjavur District: Budalur; Thiruvallur District: Thiruvallur, Tiruttani and Uthukottai; Tiruppur District: Avinashi, Kangeyam and Pethappampatti; Tiruvarur District: Mannargudi and Thiruthuraipoondi; Theni District: Theni; Tiruvannamalai District: Arani, Chetpet, Cheyyar, Kannamangalam, Mangalamamandur, Vandavasi and Vettavalam; Thoothukudi District: Vilathikulam and Virudhunagar District: Aruppukottai, Rajapalayam and Sattur.

Krishnagiri District: Bargur; Tiruvallur District: Minjur: Vellore District: Pernambut; Madurai District: Sedapatti; Pudukkottai District: Avudaiyarkovil and Thirumayam; Cuddalore District: Parangipettai: Virudhunagar District: Vembakottai; Tiruvannamalai District: Chengam; Dindigul District: Natham and Nilakottai; Integrated Agriculture Extension Centres at a cost of Rs. 22.60 crore.

In the Anbil Dharmalingam Agriculture College and Research Centre, functioning under the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Post-Graduate Students Centre at a cost of Rs. 4.96 crore, classrooms, administrative buildings with laboratories in the National Pulses Research Centre, Vamban in Pudukkottai District at a cost of Rs. 5.45 crore; Women's study centre, lecture hall and examination hall in Horticulture Research Station in Pechiparai in Kanniyakumari District at a cost of Rs. 1.94 crore and an Agriculture Engineering Extension Centre at Tiruvilliputhur in Virudhunagar District at cost of Rs. One crore.

Totally, buildings for the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department at a cost of Rs.183.73 crore were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

'New audit division in EOW to probe financial frauds'

Hon'ble Chief Minister hails chartered accountants as participants in economic growth of the country

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** at the 53rd regional conference of the Southern India Regional Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India at Coimbatore on 19.11.2021, after he inaugurated the conference through video conferencing.

My hearty welcome to all of you.

I am extremely happy to participate in the 53rd regional conference of the Southern India Regional Council of the Institute in its 70th year. I thank you all for giving me this opportunity to participate in the conference. I deem it a privilege to inaugurate the regional conference in which experts from all over South India are participating. I am surprised that in the history of the Southern India region, it is the first time that over 5,000 Chartered Accountants are participating in this conference. I thank Thiru. Jalapathi for organizing the Southern India Regional Conference in Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu. Though I wanted to participate in the conference in person, I could not do so as I have to involve myself in the relief operations in flood-hit areas. That is the reason I am addressing you through video conferencing.

The primary aim of such conferences is to discuss the changes, growth and technological advances that have taken place in the field over the years and suitably adapt to the changes. I am happy to know that this conference also has been designed with this objective.

I am happy to know from the history of the Southern India Regional Council that in the year 1998, the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and our leader, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, participated in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, organized in Chennai. At the Golden Jubilee Celebrations, your former president and the organizer of the present conference, Thiru. G.Ramaswamy, was seated along with Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar then as Vice-president of the Association. I am therefore immensely happy to participate in the seminar organized by the Southern India Regional Council in its 70th year of operation.

I would like to record here that Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar is the only Chief Minister who visited the office of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Chennai

and participated in the centenary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi at the Institute, on November 7, 1969.

I am glad to know that the State Government had helped the Institute to construct a separate building for its research wing at its Regional Office in Chennai, when Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar was the Chief Minister of the State.

I have always had great regard for Chartered Accountants. At this juncture I would like to remind you that one of your erstwhile council members, Thiru. V.Jagadeesan had great relations with Thalaivar Kalaignar for over 50 years.

The Institute and its members have always acted with social responsibility. They have been in the forefront in supporting the Government by contributing to the Prime Minister's Public Relief Fund and the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund whenever there is a disaster. They also conducted immunization camps during the Corona Pandemic. Your move of making arrangements for online participation of many members in this conference due to the Corona pandemic is commendable.

Your services have always been helpful to the Government, industrialists and to other sections of society in many ways. Your services to the Government do not end with financial matters, corporate administration and auditing. You also play a major role in enacting laws connected with the above fields as also in agriculture growth and in the development of the Country. So it would be proper to say that you are all participants in the Nation's development. If our country is to be at the forefront internationally, it requires strong financial infrastructure and proper financial practices. Everybody in the Country has great confidence in your expertise to give advice in these matters.

I can say with authority that Chartered Accountants play a crucial role in developing and designing the economy of the Country. You should render your services in a manner that protects your fair name forever and also strengthens the hands of the administration. It is highly commendable that there are more people in your profession who always try to keep abreast of the latest developments in your field.

By inviting officials from the Union and the State Governments for a conference like this for interaction and discussion on issues involving both of you will be mutually beneficial. Society in general will benefit from this.

Many Chartered Accountants are in key posts in the Government. They are also members of various committees formed by the Government and give proper advice to the Government. I would like to share one important piece of information with you. The State Government has recently formed a new audit division in the Economic Offences Wing to inquire into frauds in various Government institutions.

I would like to assure you through this conference that the Government is ready to implement your suggestions in rationalizing the financial position and in making for inclusive growth.

There was a time when the Chartered Accountants were seen as supervising authorities only. But you have risen today through your hard work as protectors of the country's economy. I appeal to you to continue your service in educating society on financial discipline. I assure you that the Tamil Nadu Government is ready to help you in this task.

With this I once again thank you for giving me an opportunity to participate in the conference.

Hon'ble Chief Minister interacts with exporters federation, seeks support in boosting exports

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** interacted with the Federation of Indian Export Organizations at Chikkanna Government Arts College, Tiruppur on 22.11.2021

In the interaction, the Federation of Indian Export Organizations and Apparel Export Promotion Council at Tiruppur thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for fixing an export target of 100 billion dollars and for devising plans for achieving the target.

During the interaction at the Tamil Nadu Exports Conclave (Boost to Exports, Tamil Nadu Ahead) in Chennai on 22.09.2021, the exporters said the new Export Promotion policy of the Tamil Nadu Government was very useful to exporters. They also congratulated the State Government for all its efforts to increase exports from the State by providing the necessary infrastructure, entering into necessary contracts, issuing necessary Government Orders and implementing Skill Development programmes. The office-bearers of the Federation appealed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister to support the exporters by continuing with the present efforts.

Addressing the exporters on the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said: "I thank you for your thanks". The Chief Minister told the exporters that they could approach the Government for new problems they may have as well as for issues which have not been resolved so far. You can get in touch with the Industries Department Secretary and Chief Minister's Office, who in turn will pass on the information to me immediately. Everybody says that I am 'Number One CM'. In a similar manner, everyone should say that Tamil Nadu is 'Number One'. For that you must support the Government initiatives.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates 20 power sub stations across State

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, commissioned at the Secretariat on 24.11.2021, 20 power sub stations, set up on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation (TANTRANSCO) and Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) functioning under Energy Department, across the State at an estimate of Rs.517.39 crore. Also commissioned were 40 transformers, set up at an estimate of Rs.141.61 crore for boosting power to an extent of 712 M.V.A. in 39 sub stations.

To provide uninterrupted power supply in Tamil Nadu, the existing transmission infrastructure is being strengthened and upgraded and increasing power demands are being met. As a part of this process, steps are taken to meet the peak hour demand and to supply power with correct voltage by reducing transmission loss and maintenance expenditure. Considering the necessity of having additional sub stations for uniform supply of power, the TANTRANSCO and TANGEDCO are setting up, as per need, new or upgraded sub stations and are attending to works like installing more transformers or increasing transformer capacity.

In line with the measures, the Hon'ble Chief Minister commissioned 20 sub stations (Rs. 517.39 crore) – three 230 KV stations at Thuvakudi, Mambalam and Tirupathur; seven 110 KV stations at Pulianthope, Nallambakkam, Eerudaiyampattu, Sannadhupudukudi, Vembakkam, Mettupatti and Vengaimandalam; ten 33 KV stations at Vedachala Nagar, Kaavanur, Thirumudivakkam, Marikkampalli, Arakkonam, Poomanur, Thiruneelakudi, Adayalampattu, Arattavadi and Gudalur; and 40 transformers set up at a cost of Rs. 141.61 crore to increase the capacity to 712 M.V.A in the 39 sub stations of Ariyalur, Ramapuram, Annai Nagar, Guindy, Chitharasur, B.Mutlur, Kallaimandhayam, Vathalagundu, Pazhaiya Seevaram, Vaiyavur, Musaravakkam, Kunnavakkam, Poonimangadu, Siruseri, Thirumudivakkam, Dhamal, Kallakurichi, Karanaiperuchanur, Karungal, Veppampalayam, Panjapatti, Zuzuvadi, Kuruparapalli, Kamuthi, K.R. Thopur, Vannathipaarai, Peralam, Kappal Nagar, Ullikottai, Mannargudi, Thirumazhisai, Tiruvallur, Pandi Kavanur, Melapalayam, Karuvalur, Gunaseelam, Sathankulam, Thirupachanur and Kariyapatti.

Martial art Silambam included in sports quota

A Government Order including 'Silambam' in the lists of sports for eligibility to the 3 per cent quota in jobs in Government and public sector posts for the best sportspersons, has been issued on orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**.

The G.O. will greatly benefit 'Silambam' practitioners in Tamil Nadu. This will accord a great recognition to this ancient self-defence art, the best among other such arts, of the Tamil race.

It is to be noted that 'Silambam' sport has already been included in the Union Government's Khelo India Scheme due to the consistent efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu ***Thiru. M.K. Stalin*** *met the State-level winners of 'Silambam' sports competitions and coaching personnel Thiru.Krishnamurthy, Thiru. Veeramani and Thiru. Batcha who thanked him for issuing a G.O for including Silambam in the 3 per cent quota, at Coimbatore on 23.11.2021.*

Sportspersons of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Ruthik,Thiru. Dinakaran,Thiru. Sivarajan, Thiru.Karan, Selvi Amudha, Selvi Sandhya, Thiru. Prem Kumar and Thiru. Srinivasan Niraj, medallists in the International Para Badminton Competition 2021 held at Uganda, Thiru. Dinesh, participant in the events and coaches Thiru. Badrinarayanan and Thiru. Irban met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 24.11.2021 and received his blessings.

Congratulations to Tamil Nadu Cricket team

"I greet the Tamil Nadu Cricket Team for winning the 'Syed Mushtaq Ali Cup' cricket match competition for the second time. Talented youths including Sharukh Khan and Sai Kishore have displayed their excellence in the game. May they reach greater heights"

– Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K. Stalin
23.11.2021

Pension orders for 1,01,474 new beneficiaries under various Social Security Schemes

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 25.11.2021, as a mark of giving away orders for pension to 1,01,474 new beneficiaries under the Social Security Schemes of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, handed over orders to 10 persons.

Through the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme, Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme, Pension Scheme for Differently abled Persons, Pension Scheme for Destitute Widows, Chief Minister's Farmers Security Scheme, Pension Scheme for Women Deserted by Husbands, Pension Scheme for Poor Unmarried Women above 50 years of age and Pension scheme for Sri Lankan Refugees living in relief camps, so far 33,31,263 persons are getting monthly pension. For these schemes, for the financial year 2021-2022 under the revised budget estimate, the Government has allotted Rs. 4,807.56 crore.

Fresh applications have been received for pension under various social security schemes in the current year. Of these applications, eligible beneficiaries have been identified at the State level. Under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension for 48,077 beneficiaries, Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension for 1,359 beneficiaries, Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension for 4,346 beneficiaries, Disability Pension for 14,739 beneficiaries, Destitute Widow Pension for 28,209 beneficiaries, under the Chief Minister's Farmers Security Scheme to 2,397 beneficiaries, Pension for Poor Women deserted by Husbands to 1,732 beneficiaries, for poor unmarried women above 50 years to 554 beneficiaries and pension for Sri Lankan Refugees in camps to 61 beneficiaries. Totally, 1,01,474 beneficiaries received the orders for pension. As a mark of distributing the pension orders, the Hon'ble Chief Minister personally handed over orders to 10 persons.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's stirring message

'Women and children should speak up on sexual violence, we are with you'

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin**, through video conferencing, on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

I extend my affectionate greetings to all of you.

Of late, the recurrence of certain news is disturbing me greatly. When news comes about women and children committing suicide following sexual violence, one feels ashamed. It is shameful that such disgraceful and disgusting acts take place in a society that speaks loudly about righteousness and culture, in a country developed in education and job opportunities and at a period when science and technology have flourished. We cannot be silent over this, we should not be silent. Those children's cries,'Don't let them go unpunished', reverberate in my heart.

Women and children are sexually assaulted in schools, colleges, work places and in open space. Some of these acts become public, the rest are glossed over.

Thalaivar Kalaignar wrote a script for a film half a century back, 'when conscience goes to sleep, mind starts fluttering'. There is no point in speaking about civilization and culture till we put a full stop to the atrocity of women being subjected to sexual harassment by persons of no conscience.

This cannot be prevented till women are considered as fellow human beings. There are many laws to deal with sexual harassment committed physically, against the wish of the women and in blatant manner. I assure you that such persons will be arraigned before those laws and punished severely. The victims of sexual violence should come forward to complain about it openly.

Complaints should be given to school teachers, headmaster, parents, co-officers and to the administration. They, too, should not hesitate to take action on those complaints.

The school administration and the parent should not get weighed down by the adverse publicity that may come to the institution or victim. If you refrain from taking action, it will be a great harm done to your children's future. The girl subjected to sexual harassment is affected psychologically. The pain pervades both body and mind. She feels ashamed, her enthusiasm drains, confidence totters, hatred wells up against fellow human beings, anger bursts out against men, inability to attend to educationor job develops and all her activities get stalled. Her future becomes a question mark.

We all have a duty to protect women from such depression.

The Tamil Nadu Government considers this problem as the most important of problems. The Government takes steps as soon as complaints about sexual harassment and provocation are received. In the last few days, you have been seeing it in newspapers. This Government will not hesitate to put the true culprits, whoever they are, before the law and get them punished. The child helpline No.1098 is in operation. The affected child should immediately pass

*Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K. Stalin,** who presided over a review meeting at the Secretariat on the implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 (POCSO) advised an integrated approach on the part of all concerned departments for implementing the POCSO Act vigorously, on 27.11.2021.*

the information to the No.1098. I have directed the social welfare and empowerment of women Department to take appropriate action on those complaints, maintaining confidentiality.

Likewise, a 24-hour educational information centre has been started in the DPI office, Chennai. In this centre, experts trained in psychology have been appointed. Appropriate action is taken on complaints received from students in respect of sexual violence.

To ensure the safety of children in schools, the School Education Department is maintaining an internal audit list.

The police wing for the Prevention of Crimes against Women and Children Wing has set up a Cyber Crime Police Station at the Secretariat and it is operated by the Police Department.

Those affected by sexual crimes are given compensation. A corpus fund is functioning for this.

POCSO special courts are functioning well. POCSO courts are functioning in 16 Districts across the State. Orders have been issued to set up these courts in 4 more Districts. I have directed speedy completion of investigation in all cases and securing court punishment to real culprits.

The Government has set targets to put a full stop to crimes against children. For effective implementation of child protection, a Tamil Nadu State Child Protection Academy, the first of its kind in India, is functioning with UNICEF assistance. Training in child protection is given to teachers and police constables. Information to create awareness about student helpline No. 14417 for the protection of children will be printed in all textbooks published by the Tamil Nadu Government from the coming academic year. A few days back I released at the Secretariat, on behalf of the department of social welfare and empowerment of women, the Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children 2021. It is a statement for the protection of each child from all sorts of exploitation and violence. Child protection has been especially ensured in the policy. School and college administration also should show as much interest as the Government. They have to guarantee the safety of girl children studying in their institutions.

Parents should interact with their children in a simple, natural and pleasant manner. Don't live in the same house like separate islands. Dear children, we too have a duty to bring you up with love and safety. Not only as a Chief Minister but as a parent, I have the duty to protect you all. I beseech you, please don't commit suicide.

If a girl child commits suicide, it means she has died accusing the whole society. One has to live and fight. Only by living, you can secure punishment to the persons who crossed their limits with you, legally. So, let there be no suicide. I make this request as a parent, as your sibling, as one of your family members. We are here! I am here! The Government is there! Vanakkam! ■

*Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru.M.K. Stalin** at the Secretariat, as a part of the modernisation programme for the Police Department, flagged off two multipurpose vehicles worth Rs.40 lakh, which have broad audio-video display units for screening films to create awareness about the prevention of crimes against children, on 06.12.2021.*

Hon'ble Chief Minister confident of IT industry enabling Tamil Nadu achieve trillion $ target

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin,** inaugurated the Information and Communication Technology International Conference – CII CONNECT 2021 – organized jointly by the Indian Government's Information Technology Department, Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) and the Confederation of Indian Industry at Chennai on 26.11.2021. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open an exhibition on Information and Communication, released the Data Centre Policy of Tamil Nadu, distributed cheques for prize amounts to the victorious students in technological skill competition held among colleges and presented awards inclusive of Lifetime Achievement Award to the best industrial enterprises.

Speech made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at the conference:

Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration Thiru. K.N. Nehru who is gracing this two-day conference, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology Thiru. Mano Thangaraj, Secretary to the Department of Information Technology Dr.Neeraj Mittal, Director of the Software Technology Park of India (STPI) Dr.Sanjay Tyagi, Executive Chairman of 'Cyient' company Thiru. B.V.R.Mohan Reddy, – 'he has given 3 suggestions. I wish to give him an assurance in advance that this Government will certainly examine those suggestions and take appropriate action on them' - CONNECT Chairman Thiru. Josh Folker, CII President (Tamil Nadu), Dr. S. Chandrakumar, ELCOT Managing Director Thiru. Ajay Yadav I.A.S., Members of CII, Vice Consul Generals, Special Invitees, friends, brothers and sisters, TV, Print Media friends, Dear ones – I offer my affectionate respects to all of you.

The one letter mantra that rules the world today is 'i'. This conference is for that one letter mantra. One can live without anything but not without 'Internet'. Such a situation has come about now. We have come under the control of technology.

A situation has arisen where every Department, whether it is education, transport, engineering, medical, entertainment, bank, defence and what not – has to depend on the information technology Department for its functioning. So, we cannot look at this conference as that for one Department. We have to consider it as a conference for all Departments.

I am happy and proud to see this conference. More than 5,000 observers are witnessing this two-day conference. More than 100 persons, not only from India but from around the globe, are to give their viewpoints. International companies are participating in the two-day exhibition.

I went through the list of important speakers. When I see all these things, my mind goes back to the year 1996 when information technology was in its nascent stage. Muthamizh Arignar Thalaivar Kalaignar was the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at that time. I was Mayor of Chennai City then. It was the then Chief Minister Thalaivar Kalaignar who made information technology a very important goal of DMK rule and brought about an information technology revolution during his rule in 1996. He was responsible for the creation of a large number of information technology experts who go by the name IT Professionals. It was DMK rule that transformed Chennai into the first city sought by IT companies to come and recruit employees. Again, it was the DMK Government that created an exclusive Department for information technology in 1998.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Kalaignar, an IT Task force was created. He computerized Government Departments, included information technology in school syllabus.

The majestic Tidel Park at Taramani, no one can forget, stands testimony to these achievements. Tidel Park was constructed 24 years ago at a cost of Rs.340 crore. It was the DMK's rule headed by Kalaignar that converted Chennai's Taramani-Mamallapuram road into a super IT Highway.

We conducted a virtual conference – TamizhNet – in 1999. We set up an international Tamil virtual university; started computer centres in Government higher secondary schools. The number of software companies in Tamil Nadu rose from 34 in pre-1996 to 666 in the five-year rule of the DMK. Such records were achieved by the DMK Government headed by Kalaignar.

If we are conducting such a conference, it is because the DMK Government laid the foundation for this 25 years ago. That is why I pointedly mentioned that it (conference) is a matter of pride, exhilaration and joy.

This is an era of Information technology; an era of inventions. It is IT that propels Time today. A situation has come about where computer science and information technology are the 'be all and end all'. IT plays the premier role in bringing very big developments and investments to a State. I wish this conference contributes to greater growth and greater employment opportunities by focusing on needs and by adopting a visionary outlook.

Opportunities for new investors should be created in this sector. Usable technologies should spark innovations. New skills should flower. Based on these, innumerable job opportunities should spring up contributing for the diversified development of individuals, institutions and through them, the State and the Country.

I request you to shape your industries in a way that is capable of utilizing the human resources in Tamil Nadu as a knowledge force. You should not confine yourself to the educated people and degree holders only; capable and efficient people are needed for this. The youth of Tamil Nadu are very efficient and intelligent. Your industries should make use of them by giving additional training in skills to them.

Tamil Nadu is a premier State in information technology in India; it also is a State attracting

global attention. It has a comprehensive base in all fields like IT hardware production, software production, cell phone production, in electronics, the fundamental requirement, computer manufacture and in ancillaries for electronics production. Tamil Nadu is one of the important exporters in electronics. It contributes 16 per cent of India's electronic products. We occupy the second slot in India in computer, electronics and optical manufacture; third slot in electronics export. On the strong backbone of production efficiency, Tamil Nadu has emerged as India's hub in electronics manufacture. The Tamil Nadu Government is putting in intensive efforts to retain the first slot and improve upon it by utilizing the new opportunities for IT development.

Tamil Nadu shines bright in the Country in setting up data centres. We have released a policy statement for investments in data centres. The Tamil Nadu e-governance Agency has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chennai Mathematical Institute for formulating data-based policy with the aim of improving the State's efficiency. I am very happy over it.

To improve the State's infrastructure on par with the developing industrial sector and urban activities, our Government is a step ahead in implementing specific infrastructure schemes like laying by-pass roads, Chennai Metro Rail extension and new airport.

I am duty-bound to request industries in Tamil Nadu to adopt the developing technologies in the information technology sector. I assure you that the Tamil Nadu Government will provide all the required support to industries.

The needs for technology and the role of technology will be high in every sector – agriculture, manufacture and service sectors; the Tamil Nadu Government wants it to be so.

Our Government has been implementing a number of reforms to improve the ease of doing business through the modern single window system. To provide broadband internet access in the Panchayats of Tamil Nadu, the Indian Government's 'BharatNet' project has been activated to connect all the 12,525 Rural Panchayats of the State with at least 1 Gbps high speed connection.

This will provide quality digital services, e-learning, tele-medicine and triple-play services. High-speed internet services will be available for Government offices, schools, colleges and business entities. Through this, the countryside will grow. I hope our new policies and initiatives will transform Tamil Nadu into an international IT hub. We will work jointly with the industrial sector to resolve all problems that hinder the State's economy and the growth of industries. I firmly believe the IT sector will help us achieve our goal of a trillion dollar economy and that CII CONNECT will play a strong role in this. I take leave of you, wishing CONNECT 2021, a great success. ■

November 26:
India's Constitution Day

'Let us take a pledge to make India the premier country in the world'

Greetings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** *(English Translation)*

I extend my hearty wishes to all citizens of India on this day (November 26) that we adopted the Indian Constitution. Besides embodying our rights and duties, the Constitution, adopted in 1949, protects all our democratic edifice. Every page of the Constitution, containing the principles of sovereignty, equality, secularism and democracy glitters with concepts like social justice, freedom of thought and brotherhood. Our rights flow from it abundantly as from the Amudasurabi. Though there are many Constitutions in the world, our written Constitution is world famous. We are indebted forever to Annal Dr. Ambedkar for giving us such a Constitution. The Union-State relationship, their powers, Independence of Judiciary, sovereignty of Assembly and Parliament, functions of the President and Vice President and at the top of all these, our Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy and Constitutional duties are given to us by Annal Ambedkar. Till date, it is this Constitution that is governing India and it is this Constitution that has given Mother Thamizh the right of official language in the State. Considering the innumerable rights given to us, Constitution Day is the appropriate time for all of us to take a pledge to protect democracy, which is dear to the Constitution, under any circumstances.

Constitutional experts have stated that the preamble of the Constitution is its key. This preamble, confirmed by the Supreme Court as one of the fundamental aspects of the Constitution, should be viewed, not only by the citizens but by those in governance, as the treasury that protects unalloyed gold. November 26 is the date when the Constitution with that preamble was adopted. Let us take a vow on Constitution Day to make India the premier country in the world.

The Constitution is our national law. The Constitution commences with the phrase, "We the people of India" just to emphasize this aspect. Once again, I extend my Constitution Day good wishes to all citizens.

Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over increased deposit amount for one-time pooja in 12,959 temples

The HR and CE Department has increased the fixed deposit amount from Rs. 1 lakh to 2 lakh each for performing one-time pooja in 12,959 temples in the State, which do not have sufficient income.

In this connection, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 29.11.2021, on behalf of the HR and CE Department, handed over a cheque for Rs. 129.59 crore to the Chairman and Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation, Dr.Atulya Misra I.A.S., as deposit. The interest from the deposit amount will be utilized for conducting one-time pooja in temples in the State.

Many poor temples in the State are not in a position to conduct at least one Pooja a day. To enable these temples to perform at least one pooja, the HR and CE Department launched the Temple upgradation scheme by diverting surplus income from the big temples. Under the scheme, a corpus fund of Rs. 5 crore has been created and the interest from the fund is given to poor temples for performing one-time pooja. Till now, only Rs. 1 lakh each had been deposited for 12,959 temples in the State. This has been increased to Rs. 2 lakh per temple and the extra amount of Rs. 129.59 crore has been deposited in the Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation to enable the temples get additional income. The additional income will be utilized for purchase of more Pooja articles and performing poojas to the satisfaction of devotees.

Priests, Bhattacharyas and Pujaris who were present on the occasion thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for sanctioning additional funds for Oru Kaala Pooja.

Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over Rs. 20 lakh each to legal heirs of 3 soldiers who died in action

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 30.11.2021, personally called family members of 3 army personnel who had died heroically in action, conveyed his condolences and handed over cheques for Rs. 20 lakh each from the Kargil Defence Personnel Relief Fund to the legal heirs of the martyrs.

E.Kumari, wife of K.Ekambaram, belonging to Chembarambakkam in Kancheepuram District, Tmt. R.Damayanthi, wife of K.Karuppasami of Kovilpatti Division in Thoothukudi District and Tmt.G.Pandiammal, wife of B.Palanikumar of Uthamapalayam Division in Theni District were invited to Chennai and given cheques for Rs.20 lakh each from the Kargil Defence Personnel Relief Fund by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in person. All the three army personnel had died in action.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also honoured and gave a certificate of commendation to Captain Thiru. S.Kubera Gandhiraj, belonging to Thiruvannamalai District, who was a member of the Defence team that travelled from Ladakh-Karakoram Pass to Malari in (Joshimath in Uttarakhand) by ice skating.

News in Pictures

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open a new office building with testing track for drivers constructed at a cost of Rs. 3.57 crore, for the Regional Transport Office at Marthandam in Kanniyakumari District, on behalf of the Home (Transport) Department, through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 20.11.2021.

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open new Buildings for the Public Works Department (Construction and Maintenance Division) and sub-office buildings, constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.27 crore at Katpadi in Vellore District, through video conferencing at the Secretariat on 16.11.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates 3 Arts colleges under HR and CE Department

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 01.12.2021, inaugurated 3 Arts and Science Colleges, on behalf of the HR and CE Department, one each at Oddanchatram in Dindigul District, Vilathikulam in Thoothukudi District, and Tiruchengode in Namakkal District through video conferencing.

During the Budget Demand for the HR and CE Department for the year 2021-2022, it was announced that 10 Arts and Science Colleges would be opened on behalf of the Department.

As per the announcement, the Higher Education Department gave permission to start Arts and Science Colleges in Kolathur in Chennai, Tiruchengode in Namakkal District, Oddanchatram in Dindigul District, Vilathikulam in Thoothukudi District by the HR and CE Department with B.Com, BBA, BCA and B.Sc (Computer Science) courses.

In the first phase, the Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Arts and Science College was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at Kolathur, in Chennai on 02.11.2021.

Following this, on behalf of the Arulmigu Dandayudhapani Swami Temple, an Arts and Science College with religious courses, attached to the Annai Teresa Women's University at Oddanchatram in a temporary building and at Vilathikulam in Thoothukudi District, an Arts and Science College with religious courses, attached to the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University were declared open temporarily in a building belonging to Sri Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple.

In Tiruchengode in Namakkal District, under the control of the Arulmigu Ardhanariswarar Temple, an Arts and Science College, attached to the Periyar University was declared open at a temporary building in Pudhu Puliyampatti Village. It will teach religious courses along with the syllabus.

These colleges, situated in rural areas will greatly help students from rural areas in getting higher education and employment opportunities which will help improve their economic status.

December 1

'Let us lend a supportive hand to the HIV affected'

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** on 'World AIDS Day' - (*English Translation).*

Thirty-five years have rolled by since the Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) was detected in Tamil Nadu.

Every year, December 1 is observed as World AIDS day to create awareness among our people about the HIV/AIDS. This year's theme is 'End inequalities, End AIDS, End Pandemics'.

There are 2,953 Integrated Counselling and Intensive Treatment Centres (ICITC) to identify this virus. To provide medical treatment at Government expense to the affected persons, 55 Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) centres and 174 Link Anti-Retroviral Therapy centres are functioning. To prevent parental transmission to ante-natal children, the ICITCs and the ART centres, functioning in Government Hospitals in every District, will monitor the special medical treatments given to all women.

To implement the schemes to prevent/control HIV/AIDS, voluntary organizations and selfless persons' real involvement help the Government. As a result of this, the prevalence of the virus that was 0.38 percent in 2010-2011, has now come down to 0.18 per cent.

With the noble ideal that HIV/AIDS affected children should not be neglected, the Government of Tamil Nadu has created a Trust with a fund of Rs.25 crore to help such children. Welfare measures are implemented with the interest proceeds of the fund. This scheme is a model for the whole of India. Free bus pass is given to the affected person for travel to and from hospital. Age limit for monthly pension is relaxed for young widows affected by the virus.

In connection with the 75th Independence Day celebrations, painting and Internet quiz competitions are held under the title 'New India at 75' for the 9th and 11th standard students and college students to create awareness and to encourage voluntary blood donation.

"Let us take a vow to create a HIV/AIDS free Tamil Nadu by creating comprehensive awareness in people about this virus. I affectionately request you also to take a pledge to extend your helping hand to HIV/AIDS affected persons without ostracizing them. Let us love and support them and treat them as one of us.

'Let us accept HIV affected persons with love, let us extend a supportive hand to them'.

Hon'ble Chief Minister greets Abhinandan

"With boundless joy, I greet Abhinandan Varthaman for the conferment of Vir Chakra Award. As the heroic son of the Tamil soil reminding us of the Purananooru poem in which a mother describes her womb as a tiger's cave and is sure that her son will guard the realm as a valiant warrior, Abhinandan went to the battlefield and protected the Motherland.

- Thiru. M.K. Stalin

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Hon'ble Chief Minister **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** met Tmt. Vanathi Devi Palani, wife of Havildar K. Palani who died heroically fighting Chinese soldiers at Galwan valley and was conferred Vir Chakra, and her family members, at the Secretariat on 01.12.2021.

Let us make differently abled people thrive in life

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented State Awards to persons who have rendered the best service to differently abled persons, at the Secretariat on 03.12.2021.

Every year, December 3 is observed as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (differently abled) persons. On this occasion I extend my warm greetings to all differently abled persons. The Government of Tamil Nadu, which has a great concern for the welfare of differently abled has formed a separate Department for their development through which it is implementing many welfare schemes for them.

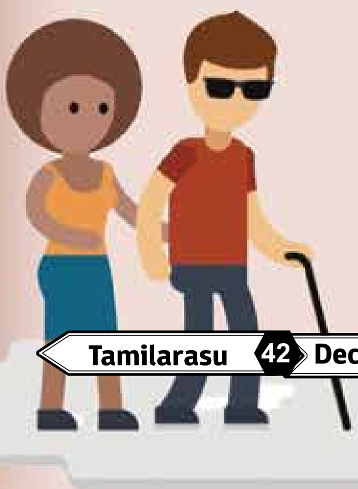
The present Government after taking charge has implemented many welfare schemes for them. The monthly maintenance allowance of Rs. 1,500 given to severely affected differently abled persons has been sanctioned to all the eligible 9,173 differently abled persons who are in the waiting list. A Government Order has been issued permitting the differently abled person and his/her assistant to travel at no cost in the ordinary State Transport Corporation buses. For the welfare of differently abled persons, for the first time not only at the National level but at the International level a model scheme, known as RIGHTS, is being implemented at a cost of Rs. 1709 crore.

Tamil Nadu has been selected as the Best State in the Country for providing exemplary services to differently abled persons and the Hon'ble President of India handed over the Award on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in New Delhi on 03.12.2021. For providing rehabilitation to the differently abled persons, Salem District has been selected as the best District in the Country and the Hon'ble President gave away the award.

At the all-India Level, 6 differently abled persons from Tamil Nadu were selected for the awards for persons with disabilities for their best performance and they received the awards from the Hon'ble President.

To improve the status of differently abled persons, the Government of Tamil Nadu is concentrating more on their education and employment opportunities and on schemes that will make the lives of the differently abled more prosperous.

We will try to bring to light the hidden talent of differently abled persons and provide them opportunities to utilize their talent for the development of society.



Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Tmt. P. Geetha Jeevan receiving the award from the Hon'ble President of India **Thiru. Ram Nath Kovind** at an event held at New Delhi on 03.12.2021, for the selection of Tamil Nadu as No.1 State in the service of the differently abled persons in India.

Hon'ble Chief Minister presents awards for best service to the differently abled

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented State Awards to persons who have rendered the best service to the cause of the differently abled ones. The event took place at the Secretariat on 03.12.2021 in connection with the annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open, through video conferencing, the new building for the Government rehabilitation home and an integrated rehabilitation centre at the old Government Hospital Complex for spinal cord affected persons, constructed at a total cost of Rs. 1.64 crore at Mallavadi in Thiruvannamalai District and presented appointment orders, as a special gesture, to 5 visually impaired persons who have completed the course in the Government Industrial Institute, as a token of distribution of the orders to 31 such persons for the post of 17 packers and 14 assistant packers.

He honoured the following persons/institutions with State Awards that carry a 22 carat gold medal weighing 10 grams and a citation for the best service to the differently abled persons.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K Stalin** congratulating the Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Tmt. P. Geetha Jeevan on 06.12.2021, when she showed him the award presented to Tamil Nadu by the Hon'ble President of India for the State's best service to differently abled persons.

Selvi Smitha Santhakumari Sadasivan (Best social worker award); Sapthagiri Rehabilitation Trust, Virudhunagar District (Best institution award); Best teachers award to – Tmt. R.Jayanthi (teaching hearing impaired), Tmt. N.Mariammal (teaching visually impaired students); Best workers/ self employed award – Thiru. C. Madheswaran, Tmt.M.R. Revathi Meiammai, Dr. R. Raja, Thiru. V. Thangakumar, Thiru. Joyal Shibu Varkey, Thiru. K. Abdul Latheef, Selvi Anuradha, Selvi Che. Sharanya and Thiru. G. Ganesh Kumar; Best teacher award in Primary Training Centre – Tmt. The. Muthuselvi and Tmt. Ka. Sharmila, Best Driver Award – Thiru. A. Rathish and Best Conductor Award – Thiru. C. Thiruvarangam.

Six differently abled persons of Tamil Nadu, recipients of the National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities showed their awards to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** at the Secretariat and received his blessings on 08.12.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches scheme to boost vegetable gardens in cities and rural areas

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 06.12.2021, on behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, inaugurated the Chief Minister's Nutritive Vegetable Garden scheme by handing over terrace garden kits and saplings at a subsidized price of Rs. 225, and to encourage vegetable gardens in rural areas,12 varieties of vegetable seed saplings at a subsidized price of Rs.15 and to improve immunity, 8 Nutritive seed saplings for Rs.25 under the Nutritive Saplings distribution scheme to the beneficiaries.

To give importance to agriculture, for the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu, a separate budget was presented in the Assembly on 14.08.2021 after hearing the views of farmers and other stakeholders. In the budget, the Hon'ble Minister announced that under the Chief Minister's Nutritive Vegetable Garden Scheme, 2 lakh seed kits, each containing 12 types of vegetable seeds, will be distributed at a subsidized price to enable women produce fresh and residue-free vegetables in their households for their daily needs and to enable children learn about plants. Further, one lakh terrace garden kit with 6 types of vegetable seeds will be distributed at a subsidized price in urban areas. To improve immunity, under the Chief Minister's Nutritive Vegetable Distribution scheme, two lakh nutritive seed saplings, each containing 8 types of seedlings, will be given at a subsidized rate. To encourage farmers to cultivate vegetables, Rs. 15,000 will given as incentive /inputs per hectare, in 2,000 villages where the area under vegetable cultivation is meagre, 1,250 hectares will be brought under vegetable cultivation by enhancing soil fertility, subsidy for setting up pandal structure in 638 hectares, subsidy for cultivation of greens in 1,000 hectares. Totally, schemes worth Rs. 95 crore will be implemented.

As per the announcement, under the Chief Minister's Nutritive Vegetable Distribution Scheme worth Rs. 900 in urban areas at a cost Rs. 6.75 crore, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed 6 types of vegetable seeds, 6 vegetable raising bags, 6 number of 2 kg

coconut straw bundles, 400 gram bio-fertilizer, 200 bio control factor, 100 ml natural pesticide and a booklet that describes cultivation practices, at a subsidized price of Rs. 225 per kit to the beneficiaries. Under the scheme, a maximum of two kits of Terrace Garden saplings will be given.

Similarly in rural areas, to encourage farmers to set up vegetable gardens, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed clusters, each containing 12 types of vegetable saplings, including brinjal, chilli, okra (ladies finger), field beans, bitter gourd, snake gourd, bottle gourd, country beans, squash gourd and greens. At the maximum, a beneficiary can get 2 clusters; each cluster costs Rs 15. The total expenditure for the scheme is Rs.90 lakh.

To improve immunity and ensure nutritional security among people, under the Chief Minister's Nutritional Vegetable Scheme, nutritive garden kit consisting of papaya, lime, drumstick, curry leaves, Karpooravalli, Thippili, Aloe Vera and Mint saplings, each kit costing Rs. 25 was distributed to the beneficiaries by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The total cost of the scheme was Rs. 1.50 crore. Each beneficiary will get only one kit.

Those who want to know the details of the schemes for their benefit can apply through https://tnhorticulture.tn.gov.in/kit/ and avail themselves of the opportunity to consume nutritious vegetables, fruits and healthy medicinal plants.

Boy appreciated for tremendous memory

Hon'ble Chief Minister **Thiru M. K. Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 20.11.2021, commended Rahul Ram, a seven-year-old boy of Coimbatore, when he showed his remarkable memory by reciting the Thirukkural, Aathichoodi and other Tamil classics including Bharathiyar's poems. The boy also reeled out the names of Countries and Members of Parliament.

Pass in Tamil paper made mandatory

- The Tamil Nadu Government has introduced a compulsory Tamil language qualification paper in all competitive examinations conducted by the recruiting agencies for 100 per cent recruitment of Tamil Nadu youth in all the posts in the Government departments of Tamil Nadu and in the State-run public sector undertakings.
- The Tamil language qualification paper is compulsory for all those taking the examinations of the Tamil Nadu Public Service commission
- Curriculum for Tamil language qualification examination has been set at the Class X-level. Candidates should secure a minimum of 40 per cent marks in the compulsory Tamil paper.

Buildings for 11 Sub Registrar offices declared open

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 07.12.2021, on behalf of the Commercial Taxes and Registration Department, declared open buildings for 11 Sub Registrar Offices, constructed at a total cost of Rs. 14.27 crore in Chennai, Madurai, Cuddalore, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Tiruchirappalli and Thanjavur and Integrated District Registrar's office at Virudhachalam, through video conferencing.

The Registration Offices in the State have been doing various services, including registration of public properties and issue of encumbrance certificates and copies of registered documents as well as of registration of marriages under various Acts. The Government has been constructing buildings to house Registration officers to provide facilities to the public, to simplify the working of the employees and to replace the rented buildings with their own buildings.

Chennai Registration Office, integrated buildings for Tambaram and Selaiyur Sub Registrars' offices, Sub Registrars' offices at Salavakkam and Alandur, Vikramasingapuram in Tirunelveli region, Nemili in Vellore region, Madukkur in Thanjavur Region, Irumbulikurichi in Tiruchirappalli Region, Sathyamangalam in Cuddalore Region, Kadamalaikundu in Madurai Region, Pudukkottai in Tirunelveli Region and Kalambur in Vellore Registration Region and Virudhachalam Integrated District Registration Office in Cuddalore Region. Totally buildings for 11 sub-registrars' offices and Integrated District Registration Office at Virudhachalam, built at a total cost of Rs. 14.27 crore were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated automatic transfer of details through the internet of the details of payment of Property Tax, Water and Sewerage Tax and Electricity Bill, as well as of name transfer with regard to these services, during property registration in the Greater Chennai Corporation area. This facility is enabled by the Registration Department's software.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister as a token of handing over appointment orders to 15 heirs of employees of the Registration Department who died in harness, gave away the orders to 5 beneficiaries.

Hon'ble Chief Minister pays homage in person to CDS Bipin Rawat

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, paid homage to Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, who died in a helicopter air crash in the Nilgiris, by placing a wreath on his mortal remains on 08.12.2021.

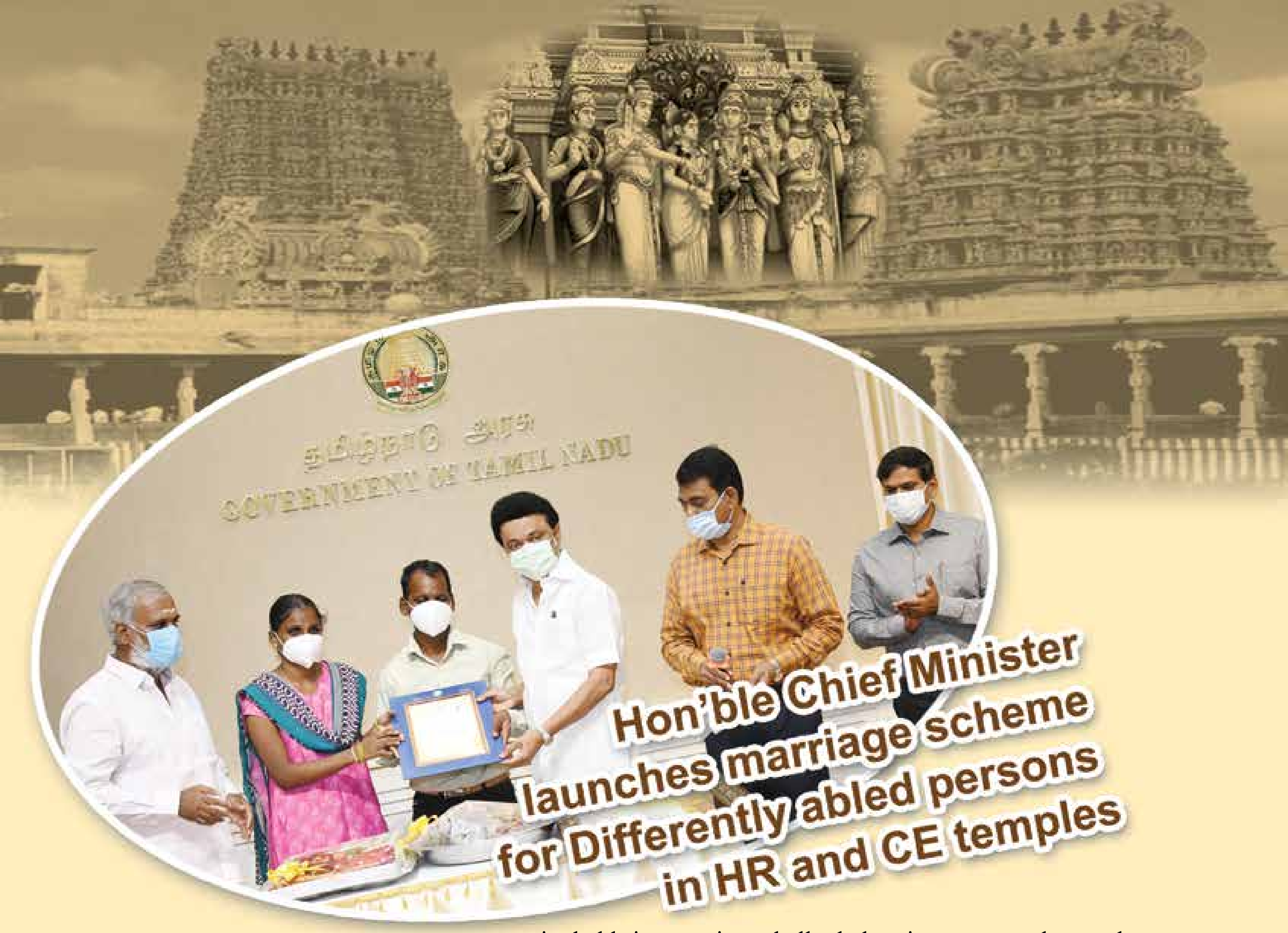
The Hon'ble Chief Minister also wrote separate letters to the members of the families of army men, who also died in the accident, expressing his condolences to the bereaved families. In his letter, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said that "people at this crucial juncture are standing with you and I would like you to get enough courage and strength to bear the heavy loss".

General Officer Commanding of Dakshin Bharat, Chennai Lt.Gen. A.Arun sent a letter of thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**.

General Officer Commanding of Dakshin Bharat, Lt.Gen. A.Arun in his letter to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, has expressed his heartfelt thanks and hearty appreciation for his gesture.

In his letter, the Lt.Gen said, "immediately after hearing the information, you rushed to the accident spot and paid homage to the deceased. Apart from this, you extended your heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased army men. By your action you have secured a place in the hearts of thousands of army men, higher army officials and their families".

"The State Government, under your stewardship and the entire administration, gave all possible support during the hour of crisis. These supports would in future encourage and enthuse youth of the Country to join the army and wear army uniform. As the head of the Dakshin Bharat wing, I am proud to serve with you as a role model. Your action will create a feeling among the army men and higher officers that the Tamil Nadu Government is in support of us and they will always be with them in future. I once again thank you, your administration and the people of the State for supporting us at this hour of crisis."



Hon'ble Chief Minister launches marriage scheme for Differently abled persons in HR and CE temples

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 08.12.2021, inaugurated on behalf of the HR and CE Department, free marriage scheme for Differently abled persons in all temples and in marriage halls belonging to temples. As a mark of inaugurating the scheme, the Hon'ble Chief Minister issued orders for the marriages of disabled brides and bridegrooms free of cost at Arulmigu Parthasarathi Temple, Tiruvallikeni, Chennai.

At the budget demand for the HR and CE Department for the year 2021-2022, it was announced that for the marriages conducted in temples, fee would not be charged for the marriage if one of the couples is an differently abled person. In case the marriage is held in marriage halls belonging to temples, only maintenance charge alone will be collected.

As a part of the implementation of the announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over orders for the proposed marriage of a disabled person, Thiru. S. Sureshkumar with S.Monisha, without marriage fee at Arulmigu Parthasarathi Temple in Tiruvallikeni. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also greeted the couple and handed over gift packets to them.

After inauguration of the free marriage scheme, charges will not be collected for the differently abled persons in all temples and marriage halls, if one of the couples is a Differently abled person.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches scheme to give relief of Rs. 50,000 to families of Corona victims

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 08.12.2021, as a token of handing over relief amount of Rs. 50,000 each to families of Corona victims, gave away cheques to 10 families in Chennai District.

In Tamil Nadu, 27,31,945 persons were affected due to the Corona pandemic, of them 26,87,414 persons were cured and 36,549 persons died due to the pandemic from March 2020 to till date.

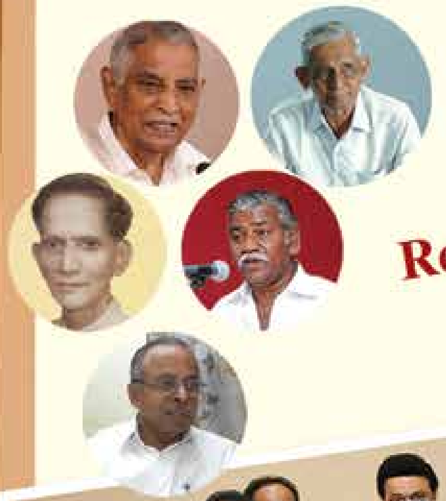
In the shutdown period during the Corona pandemic, the Tamil Nadu Government, to alleviate the sufferings of people, distributed Rs. 4,000 each to all the rice card holders and Sri Lankan Refugees living in relief camps. In the Financial Year 2021-2022 For control measures against the Corona pandemic, the Government released Rs. 8,398.18 crore from the State Disaster Response fund

Due to preventive measures taken under the directive of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the total number of persons affected by Corona in the State, which was 36,184 as on 21.05.2021 came down to just 710 on 07.12.2021.

To control the second wave of Corona and to prevent the third wave, the State Government has been taking various measures, including conducting immunization camps in large numbers. The pandemic has been brought under control in the State as over 7 crore persons have been inoculated. The Government is also taking preventive measures against the Omicron virus in the State, which is widely prevalent in the neighbouring States.

Relief was also provided to the families of frontline workers who died due to Corona. Now, to alleviate the sufferings of families of those who died due to Corona, the State Government has issued orders to distribute Rs. 50,000 each, totalling Rs. 182.74 crore, to the families of those who died due to Corona.

The families, which lost their breadwinner due to Corona may apply for the relief amount through online https://www.tn.gov.in or through the nearby e-service centres. They should have a death certificate mentioning the cause of death as Corona.



Royalty of Rs. 80 lakh for nationalized books

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented cheques at the Secretariat on 08.12.2021 to the total value of Rs. 80 lakh to the authors/families towards royalty for the nationalization of the books of six Tamil scholars.

The royalty of Rs. 15 lakh was given for Government acquisition of the books of Pulavar S. Rasu to help him meet his medical expenses and for the books of Tamil scholars late Silamboli S. Chellappan, Dr. T. Paramasivan and Pulavar Ilamkumaranar and Rs. 10 lakh for the books of Tamil scholar Thiru. Murugesa Bhagavathar and Thiru. Sankaravallinayagam. The cheques were presented to the families of Silamboli Chellappan and 4 others.

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented a cheque for Rs.25 lakh to Thiru. Krishnamurthy, President of the Navi Mumbai Thamizh Sangam Trust, as Tamil Nadu Government’s contribution to the construction of a building for the Sangam on 10.12.2021.

Death centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar

Bharathi scholars honoured

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented at the Secretariat on 10.12.2021 the Bharathi Centenary Memorial Award and the award amount of Rs. 3 lakh each by cheque to Thiru. Seeni Viswanathan and Prof.Dr. Y.Manikandan, senior research scholars on Mahakavi Bharathiyar and to the families of late Periasami Thooran, R.A. Padmanaban, T.M.C. Raghunathan and Elasai Manian, senior research scholars on Bharathi.

The presentation of the award is in fulfilment of the Hon'ble Chief Minister's announcement on 10.09.2021 that the Government of Tamil Nadu would honour them for their research on Mahakavi Bharathi's life and his works.

Prize for the recitation of the Thirukkural

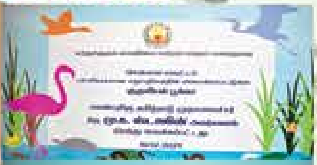
Hon’ble Chief Minister **Thiru.M.K. Stalin** presented at the Secretariat on 10.12.2021, a prize of Rs.10,000 and an appreciation certificate to 9 students of Chennai and Kancheepuram Districts as a token for the distribution of such prizes to 219 students for their recitation of all the 1,330 couplets of the Thirukkural by rote. The event was organized by the department of Tamil Development.

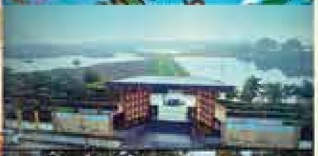
December 10 :

143rd birth anniversary of Mootharignar Rajaji

In connection with the 143rd birth anniversary of Mootharignar Rajaji Hon’ble Minister for Information & Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan and Hon’ble Minister for HR & CE Thiru. P.K. Sekarbabu paid floral tributes to his portrait kept near his statue in the campus of the High Court, Parry’s Corner, Chennai, and paid their respects on 10.12.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister unveils Rs. 20 crore eco park on 2.5 hectares at Pallikaranai





Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open on 10.12.2021, a Marshland Ecological Park at Pallikaranai in Chennai, on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, through video conferencing from the Secretariat. The ecological park has been set up on 2.5 hectares of land at a cost of Rs. 20 crore.

The Pallikaranai marshland is one of the few remaining natural wetlands in the Country. A marshland always retains some water throughout the year, thereby forming an aquatic ecosystem and providing habitation for small and micro plants, aquatic species and birds. The marshland mitigates the effects of heavy floods, improves the ground water table and helps in carbon sequencing. It supports living organisms, provides recreation and serves for educational and research purposes.

The marshland, which is under the control of the State Forest Department, spreads over 700 hectares of land and is in the midst of Chennai City. It serves as a drainage basin during heavy rains. This marshland helps to drain excess water in about 231 square kilometres to the Bay of Bengal through Kovalam and Okkiyam medu canals.

The marshland is home for 176 species of terrestrial and migratory birds, 10 species of mammals, 21 species of reptiles, 10 species of aquatic organisms, 50 species of fish, 9 species of snails, 14 varieties of butterflies and has over 459 plants and living organisms. As per the census of the 2019-2020, nearly 2,65,313 birds were identified in the marshland.

To set up the ecological park in the Pallikaranai marshland in the northwest area, the State Government allotted Rs.20 crore. To protect the marshland, a 1700-metre protective wall has been constructed. For the public to view and know about the marshland, a public green space has been provided.

For the benefit of children and the public, a 2 km walking track has been provided. Details about plants, animals, fish species and butterfly varieties have been provided. To improve the beauty of the park, 5,000 varieties of tree saplings have been planted on either side of the footpath.

Under the Disaster Management Scheme, Rs. 64 lakh has been allotted for flood prevention measures to protect the marshland. In addition, steps have been taken to declare the Pallikaranai Marshland as wetland under the Ramsar Convention and a proposal has been sent in this regard to the Union Government. The Government is also taking steps to declare the Pallikaranai Marshland a bird sanctuary to protect migratory birds from various places within and outside the Country.

Namakku Naame and Urban Employment Scheme inaugurated

Hon'ble Chief Minister dedicates 83 completed schemes, lays foundation stone for 60 new ones

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated 'Namakku Naame Thittam' and 'Urban Employment Scheme', threw open 83 completed schemes, costing Rs. 38.53 crore, laid the foundation stone for 60 new schemes, to be executed at a cost of Rs.54.01 crore, and distributed welfare measures worth Rs. 168.64 crore to 30,837 beneficiaries at a Government function in Seelanaickenpatti in Salem District on 11.12.2021.

The Namakku Naame scheme was announced by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar in the 1997-1998 annual budget. This is a participatory demand-driven scheme to promote and strengthen the self-help and self-reliant qualities of the community. It involves the community directly in the development process from the planning stage through resource mobilization, execution to the maintenance stage. It gives enough scope for all felt needs of the public. At the State-level, the schemes are to be implemented at a cost of Rs. 300 crore. The schemes are implemented by the Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats, with a minimum of one third public funds and the balance with the State Government's financial support and technical support.

Urban Employment Scheme:

It is aimed at providing livelihood and social security to people in urban areas by increasing job opportunities and through creation and maintenance of public assets. The scheme is to be implemented at a cost of Rs. 100 crore.

The main aim of the scheme is to improve the infrastructure in urban areas, create livelihood support, job opportunities, up-gradation of natural resources, flood control measures, protection of environment and greening of urban areas. The

scheme aims at encouraging social and gender equality, increasing employment opportunities to upgrade the livelihood support and social protection, creating employment-based skills, creating public assets and maintaining them and undertaking environmental protection and agriculture schemes.

Completed Schemes:

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Departments:

➢ Roads, Panchayat Union Office Buildings, Community Health Centres, additional school buildings, fair price shops, small bridges and check dams in Thalaivasal, Vazhapadi, Edappadi, Sankagiri, Pethanaickenpalayam, Ayothiyapattinam, Veerapandi, Yercaud and Konganapuram, all constructed at a cost of Rs. 15.03 crore;

➢ Integrated Agriculture Extension Centre at Omalur at a cost of Rs 2 crore;

➢ Building for the Regional Transport Office at Mettur at a cost of Rs.3.19 crore;

➢ Building for Joint Director's Office of the Geology and Mining Department at Sandhiyur, at a cost of Rs. 1.98 crore;

➢ Sub-Registrar's Office building at a cost of Rs.1.01 crore at Mummudi village in Thalaivasal Division;

➢ Veterinary pharmacy buildings at Nazhikalpatti, Kariakovil, Kadambur, Vellaiyur and Umayalpuram at a cost of Rs. 2.16 crore and

➢ Quarters for the Salem West Tahsildar at a cost of Rs. 28.81 crore;

Health and Family Welfare Department:

24-bed women's care ward and 24-bed men's ward, 4-bed intensive care unit and operation theatre at Edappadi Government Hospital, at a cost of Rs. 3.66 crore;

New office building for Deputy Director Office and Health activities in Athur costing Rs.1.50 crore;

New building for Health Sub-Centre at Mettupalayam in Edappadi Division, at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh;

Nursing quarters for the Koneripatti Government Primary Health Centre in Nedunkulam Panchayat, at a cost of Rs.1.02 crore;

Housing quarters for driver and employees of Primary Health Centre, Koneripatti in Nedunkulam Panchayat, at a cost of Rs. 71.5 lakh;

Compound wall and vehicle parking for the housing quarters of the Koneripatti Primary Health Centre in Nedunkulam Division, at a cost of Rs.31.5 lakh;

Hostel and kitchen building for the Pagaduppattu Government Tribal Residential School, at a cost of Rs.94.40 lakh and

Additional classroom buildings for the Panchayat Union Schools in Pambarapatti, Y.Ganesapuram, Abinalam and Ariyapalayam

and one classroom and additional classroom building built with public funds for Siruvachur Government Higher secondary School at a total cost of Rs. 2.43 crore.

Co-operation Department:

New office building for the Arunoothumalai Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society at a cost of Rs. 20 lakh;.

Weighing bridge, costing Rs. 27 lakh, for the Salem District Wholesale Consumer Co-operative Society and

Part-time fair price shops for Chettiyappanur, Kollatheru, Manjaiyankadu, Karaikadu, Valkaradu, Venkatachalam Colony and Pothanur at a cost of Rs. 60.75 lakh.

Highways and Small Port Department:

Circle and Divisional Office buildings for the Integrated Salem (N) NABARD and Village Roads office at a cost of Rs. 95.70 lakh.

Totally 83 completed schemes, worth Rs. 38.53 crore were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Foundation stone laid for new schemes:

Health and Family Welfare Department:

Quarters for the medical staff of Government Primary Health Centre, Koneripatti, Edappadi Division at a cost of Rs. 1.32 crore;

Revenue and Disaster Management Department:

Office building with quarters for Rs. 21 lakh for Revenue Inspector at Pethanaickenpalayam;

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj:

Planting of One lakh and 450 tree saplings, at a cost of Rs. 3.29 crore, under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in 14 Taluks of the District;

Salem Corporation:

Additional buildings for Urban Primary Health Centre at Suramangalam, Hasthampatti and Kondalampatti and modern gas crematorium for Sanikuttai Burial ground, all at a total cost of Rs. 3.50 crore;

Town Panchayats:

Construction of roads, bridges, gas-based crematoria and weekly markets at a total cost of Rs. 40.55 crore at Belur, Ethapur, Veerakkalpudur, Viraganur, Kannankurichi, Arisiramani, Attayampatti, Ayothiyapattinam, Panamarathupatti, Elampillai, Konganapuram, Vanavasi, Vazhapadi, Kadayampatti, Keeripatti, Kolathur, Nangavalli, Thedavur, Omalur, Chentharapatti, Mecheri, P.N.Patti, Gangavalli, Thammampatti, Pulampatti, Sankagiri, Karuppur, Mallur, Pethanaickenpalayam and Thevur Town Panchayats.

Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department:

Road works, worth Rs. 5.14 crore, in Attur and Mettur Municipalities.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stones for 60 new schemes to be implemented at a cost of Rs.54.01 crore.

Social Welfare Department:

New Vehicles:

- Jeep costing Rs. 7.33 lakh for the use of District Children Social Security Officer to

undertake social security measures for children;

Revenue and Disaster Management Department:

➢ Jeep, costing Rs.7.23 lakh for the Revenue Tahsildar , Thalaivasal;

➢ Another jeep for Special Tahsildar, Thalaivasal, costing Rs. 7.23 lakh.

➢ 3 jeeps, totally costing Rs.21.79 lakhs for the use of Revenue Department officials.

Government Welfare Measures:

➢ Allotment orders for 37 beneficiaries, belonging to the economically backward people, in multi-storied building, costing Rs. 3.15 crore on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board.

➢ On behalf of the Sericulture Department, Rs. 1.30 crore incentive for 283 beneficiaries for planting mulberry and for single worm culture;

➢ On behalf of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department, cost-free iron boxes and welfare assistance to 62 beneficiaries worth Rs.3.34 lakh;

➢ On behalf of the District industrial Centre, subsidy orders for 5 beneficiaries valued at Rs.2.88 crore under the employment creation scheme for unemployed youth and loan assistance to new entrepreneurs;

➢ Digital ration cards for 1,000 beneficiaries;

➢ Forest privilege pattas for 59 tribal people;

➢ Welfare assistance to 9,009 beneficiaries under the Social Security Scheme;

➢ Free house-site pattas to 2,189 beneficiaries;

➢ Community certificates for 261 tribal people;

➢ Appointment orders for 42 persons on compassionate grounds;

➢ Accident relief to 6 beneficiaries;

➢ Fishing nets for 15 inland fishermen with 40 per cent subsidy costing Rs. 1.20 lakh;

➢ On behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, welfare assistance along with inputs, agriculture implement, seeds and micro irrigation devices to 259 farmers, costing Rs.80 lakh;

➢ On behalf of the Agriculture Engineering Department Rs.14.24 lakh subsidy for solar power-operated motor pumps ;

➢ On behalf of the Horticulture Department, subsidy worth Rs. 2.16 crore to 250 beneficiaries for setting up pandal, onion godown and shadow shed.

➢ Marriage assistance to the tune of Rs. 20.09 crore to 5,000 beneficiaries;

➢ Appointment orders for the post of Nutritious noon-meal organizers in schools to 2 beneficiaries on compassionate grounds;

➢ On behalf of the Department for the welfare of the differently abled, monthly assistance and extra wheel attached petrol scooter to 352 beneficiaries, at a cost of Rs. 90.82 lakh;

➢ Financial assistance of Rs. 4.38 crore

to 146 children who lost either one of their parents in the Corona Pandemic, under the Social Security scheme;

➢ On behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department, under the Kalaignar Scheme to protect eyesight, at an estimated cost of Rs.1.77 crore, spectacles to 1,344 persons, and smart cards under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme and incentive to nurses and other frontline staff engaged in Corona pandemic work;

➢ Assistance to 21 beneficiaries under the Adi Dravidar Department to the tune of Rs. 28.38 lakh;

➢ New power connections to 111 farmers under the Chief Minister's Scheme for giving power connections speedily to farmers.

➢ Financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 2.10 lakh to 15 children of unorganized workers and construction workers;

➢ Milch cow loans to 500 farmers, loan assistance to 100 roadside traders and education loan for pursuing higher education to 25 students, all totally costing Rs.2.25 crore;

➢ On behalf of the Rural Development Department, welfare assistance to 2,251 beneficiaries to the tune of Rs. 6.73 crore;

➢ Bank loan to 5,123 women Self-Help Groups to the tune of Rs.87 crore;

➢ Appointment to the post of Office Assistant in the Konganapuram Town Panchayat, under the Town Panchayat Department on compassionate grounds;

➢ On behalf of the Co-operative Department loan assistance to 2,223 beneficiaries to the tune of Rs. 12.90 crore.

➢ On behalf of the Forest Department; Rs 2 lakh revolving fund to 20 members of the forest development scheme;

➢ On behalf of the TAHDCO, Rs. 6.48 crore to 117 beneficiaries under Entrepreneurs Programme, Employment Loan and Women's Development Loan.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over welfare measures worth Rs. 168.64 crore to 30,837 persons, on behalf of various departments and various welfare schemes.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin made the following speech at the function at Salem:

Elders, ladies, members of the Self-Help Groups and friends who have gathered in thousands here, at the outset I extend my warm welcome along with thanks to you. The function in Salem has created a feeling in me. Doubts linger in my mind whether it is a Government function or the Government itself is wearing a festive look. Hon'ble Minister Thiru.K.N.Nehru, who is incharge of Salem District, has made excellent arrangements for the function, in co-operation with the District Collector and other Government officials. As far as Hon'ble Minister Nehru is concerned, he is capable of organizing functions in a grand manner, whether it is Government function or party function. He used to stamp his class on the function and now this has been extended to Salem also.

Salem District has a history of many events, including Kanjamalai, where Siddhars lived, Uthamacholapuram, where the marriage of Pari Vallal's daughters was conducted by Avvaiyar

and Thirumanimuthar Fort, which was under the control of Hyder Ali.

Not only that, Salem District also played a major role in the Dravidian Movement. It is here that our mentor Annadurai's popular resolution changed the Justice Party's name to Dravidar Kazhagam.

Apart from all these things, our leader Kalaignar lived in Salem town for some time. During 1949-1950, Kalaignar lived in Habib Street in the Salem Fort area. If you look from that angle, I can proudly say that I have come to my native place and home.

Veerapandiyar's name has been etched in our heart deeply. So many times, Annan Veerapandiyar invited me as a party functionary to participate in party functions and conferences and Government functions, when I was the Local Administration Minister and Deputy Chief Minister. But today, I am participating in the function as the Chief Minister. When Annan Veerapandiyar was a Minister he used to fight with the then Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thalaivar Kalaignar to get many schemes for the District. I would like to remind you that the District was in the forefront in getting more schemes compared to other Districts, when the DMK Government was in power.

I can proudly say that only during the DMK regime in the State under the leadership of Dr.Kalaignar, many developmental schemes had been implemented in Salem District.

To cite a few, Salem Steel Plant, 50-year old dream of Salem Railway Division, Periyar University, Government Arts College for Women in Salem, Arignar Anna Government Arts College in Attur, Rs. 283 crore integrated Cauvery Drinking Water Supply Scheme for Salem Corporation, Rs. 183 crore Underground Drainage Scheme for Salem Town, Rs. 36 crore for cleaning Tirumanimutharu – Vellakuttai Scheme, Modern Super-speciality Hospital, at a cost of Rs. 136 crore, Tapioca and Castor Research Centre at Yethapur, Botanical Garden in Yercaud at a cost of Rs. 11 crore, 9 Farmer Markets in Salem District, Salem -Attur Combined Water Supply Scheme, Collector's office at a cost of Rs. 38 crore, Rs. 150 crore underground LT and HT Power line path, 600 MW coal-based Power Plant at Mettur, Integrated court buildings at Attur, Sankagiri and Omalur, new building for Salem Police Commissioner Office, Salem-Krishnagiri, Salem-Namakkal and Salem- Gangavalli 4 way roads and resumption of air services to Salem. I can go on listing the schemes that were implemented by the DMK Government but time is short to list them. In the same way, the present DMK Government is preparing to implement various developmental schemes for Salem District. I am proud to say that the present function is a forerunner for the schemes to come.

Even if you entrust a Himalayan task, Minister K.N.Nehru is capable of executing it

in a jiffy by coordinating people. I have selected one such person for the District.

In many meetings I used to say that there is nobody equal to Nehru. The current function is a result of his one month's work. I could not imagine what would be the scale of the function if Thiru. Nehru continues to perform in the same way for the next one year. As soon as I announced that Thiru. Nehru would be in charge of Salem, he started touring the District, heard the grievances of people, received petitions from them and conducted camps. He toured Thalaivasal, Attur, Pethanaickenpalayam, Gangavalli, Vazhapadi, Yercaud, Salem South, Omalur, Kadayampatti, Mettur, Edappadi, Sankagiri, Sooramangalam, Hasthampatti, Ammapet and Kondalampatti and received 35,217 petitions from the public.

Through these petitions, your grievances have been brought to my knowledge. Of the petitions received, 10,623 have been immediately accepted and schemes are to be implemented. Remaining petitions are under scrutiny. I would like to assure you that the Government will definitely take action on those demands also.

Wherever we go, whether it is myself as Chief Minister or any member of my Cabinet, people welcome us enthusiastically. I could see smiles on their faces. We get enthused seeing your smiles.

Now a Government is in place in the State. I don't want to talk about politics here as it is not necessary for me also. When I realized that the party would definitely get an absolute majority in the election, I went to Kalaignar's memorial to dedicate my party's victory to him. At that time, newsmen asked me what my message was to the public on the party's victory. I replied in one word. I would work for those who wanted the party to come to power and also for those who had not voted for us. My work would be to attract even those who had not voted for us.

That was the reason, during my election campaign, I toured various Districts and received petitions from the public with an assurance that their grievances would be settled in100 days. I can proudly say that solutions have been found for 50 per cent of the petitions and the schemes have been implemented.

That is the reason Dr.Kalaignar during his training taught us that we would do what we had promised and inform people about what we had done.

Today, schemes costing Rs. 261.39 crore have been inaugurated, foundation stones have been laid for new schemes and welfare measures have been distributed. Of this 83 completed works worth Rs. 38.52 crore have been inaugurated. Foundation stones have been laid for 60 works. Vehicles have been distributed to Government Departments.

To top it all, welfare measures to 30,837 beneficiaries have been distributed. On behalf of 26 various Government Departments, welfare measures worth Rs.168.64 crore are to be distributed.

The present Government is now functioning by taking into consideration the development of individuals. The growth of an individual is the District's growth, which in turn will lead to society's growth. To remove the distress of every individual is our duty.

On this day alone I am going to announce schemes worth 1,242 crore for the District. I would like to mention a few now in this function.

Underground sewerage scheme to a length of 520 km in Salem town, in areas where there

is no underground sewerage system, at a cost of Rs. 530 crore; Additional drinking water supply scheme for Salem town at a cost of Rs. 158 crore; Bodinaickenpatti Eri, Mookkaneri and Allikuttai water bodies will be upgraded at a cost of Rs.69 crore; on people's demand a railway over-bridge to reduce traffic congestion at Ammapettai area at a cost of Rs. 120 crore; a District multi-purpose sports stadium, at a cost of Rs. 20 crore; Roads in the Salem Corporation area will be upgraded at a cost of Rs. 20 crore. Integrated textile park in Salem to improve the industrial growth and generate employment opportunities. Salem is known for anklet production; to enable hundreds of anklet manufacturers to start their own units, a multi purpose industries centre, at a cost of Rs. 25 crore; and a Tidal Software Industrial Park at Karuppur:

I am making these assurances as a first phase. This is only the beginning. More schemes are to come in the future, step by step.

In all advisory meetings I used to insist on uniform development of the State. There is no question of differentiating between industries or Districts. For uniform development of the State, schemes should be conceived in a manner that all Districts are treated on par and grow equally. In this way we have planned many schemes for all the Districts and are implementing them.

A few days back, a statistic on States with less poverty was released and Tamil Nadu was

fourth in the list. The main reason is the social welfare schemes of Arignar Annadurai and Dr. Kalaignar. Though the rank is satisfactory, it does not give me complete satisfaction.

My aim is that the State should attain the first place in all fields. That is my target. To achieve the target I am working round-the-clock.

Kalaignar used to refer to me as one who works, works and works. As his words are binding on me I am working hard 24/7.

First, we successfully faced Corona. Then came rains and there were floods in many districts. We are trying to mitigate the distress of the people. People like you have given us mental strength to meet any challenge.

When poor women greet me, I feel as if I have won the greatest award on the earth.

When people said that there is water stagnation in their areas and officials acted quickly in Chennai and other districts to remove the water stagnation, we feel proud.

Three days back I was in Coimbatore. Yesterday, I was in Chennai and today I am in Salem. Tomorrow I shall be in Chennai again. As long as I hold the post, I assure you that I will be repeatedly making trips till the schemes are completed. You need not worry.

I would like to talk openly, I never like to rest. As mentioned by Kalaignar, I will continue to work. With these words, I conclude my speech.

Death centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar

December 11: Mahakavi Bharathiyar's 140th birth anniversary

Let us celebrate the Mahakavi who helmed the Tamil chariot!

"The moon that came asinging to awaken people from slumber!
The warrior who sang of our strength!
The savant who hymned of sublime values!
He who serves as the balm that rids people of the rashes of casteism!"
It is the 140th birth anniversary today of such a Mahakavi Bharathi. The measures of our Government to celebrate the memory of the great helmsman of the chariot of sweet Tamil will continue on and on.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K. Stalin's Social Media post

In connection with the 140th birth anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma. Subramanian and Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Thiru. P.K. Sekarbabu, MPs, MLAs and high officials of Government offered floral tributes to his portrait placed near his statue at the Marina Beach, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai, on 11.12.2021.

Hon'ble Chief Minister steps into the rain to inspect and expedite relief measures

The North-east Monsoon has caused great damage to infrastructure including roads in Chennai and surrounding Districts and in Kanniyakumari. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** visited the affected areas, reviewed the situation, expedited relief works and distributed relief assistance. Rectification of roads, drains and other infrastructures in the flood-affected areas are being undertaken speedily.

16.11.2021

The committee headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation Thiru. I. Periyasamy, set up to assess the crop loss due to the heavy rains in delta Districts and ascertain the views of farmers, submitted its report to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. After a detailed study of the report, the Hon'ble Chief Minister made the following announcement:

★ A compensation of Rs.20,000 per hectare will be given to farmers whose 'kuruvai – kar –swarnavari' crops were fully damaged due to rains and floods when they were ready for harvest.

★ To help the farmers re-cultivate the damaged crops grown for the Samba season, inputs to the value of Rs.6,038 per hectare will be given to farmers in the following manner:

★ Forty five kg of short-term crop seeds for Rs. 1,485 for re-cultivation; 25 kg of nutrients for Rs. 1,235 to prevent yellow disease in rain affected crops. 60 kg of urea for Rs.354 for nutrient compost. 125 kg of DAP fertilizer for nutrient compost and phosphorus. Totally Rs. 2,964 worth of inputs.

★ The Hon'ble Chief Minister also sanctioned Rs. 300 crore for rectification of damaged roads, drainages and other infrastructures all over the State.

Manali Pudhunagar

Relief camp at the G.R.T. Vivekananda High School

Medical camp at the G.R.T Vivekananda High school

Pulianthope

20.11.2021

Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the residential areas of Manali Pudhunagar and Vadivudaiya Amman Nagar on the banks of Kosasthalaiyar river and inundated due to the floods in the river, reviewed the situation and directed officials to immediately drain the flood water.

He also visited and reviewed the relief camp set up at the G.R.T. Vivekanandar School for the affected people of Manali Pudunagar, enquired of the inmates there about their needs and distributed relief assistance. He inspected the special medical camp, set up there and enquired the Doctors about the types of treatment given to the people.

24.11.2021

A virtual consultative meeting with all District Collectors, headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu was held at the Secretariat on the steps taken consecutively in connection with the North East Monsoon and the relief measures undertaken.

26.11.2021

The Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed in person the rectification works being carried out in the storm water drainage in Pulianthope area and the bridge works on Thiru.Vi.Ka. NagarStephen road, 73rd ward and directed officials to complete the works quickly without causing inconvenience to the general public.

He similarly reviewed the pumping out of stagnant rain water at Siva Elango road, areas opposite to the Peravallur police station and in Ashoka Avenue areas, restoration of the tank at G.K.M. colony, Kolathur and evacuation of the stagnant water in Kandasamy road and urged officials to complete the works and removal of water speedily.

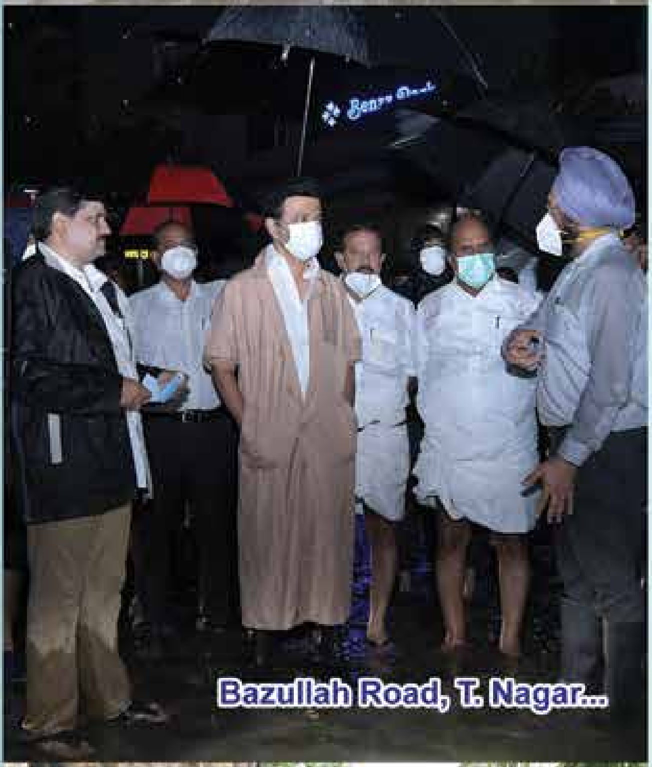
27.11.2021

After inspecting and reviewing the flood damages at DeMellows road, Pattalam and Pulianthope highway, Thiru. Vi.Ka. Nagar zone, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu ordered officials to take immediate action to evacuate the stagnant rain water in the roads.

Following this, he inspected in a downpour at 7.30 p.m. the flood water flow in the canal at Vijayaraghavachari road, T.Nagar, due to the heavy rains and reviewed the situation. He also visited G.N. Salai, Bazullah road and Thirumalai road, saw the stagnating water on the roads and instructed officials to take speedy steps to remove the water.

"Along with people's representatives and

Pulianthope High Road...



Bazullah Road, T. Nagar...

Amman Kovil Street, Poonamallee...

Government officials who are working without minding the time, I too am working in the field; I will continue to work like this.”

The Hon’ble Chief Minister has recorded the following in the social media: “Meteorologists say this is the fourth occasion in the last 200 years when 1000 mm of rain has been recorded in one month in Chennai. If loss of life has been prevented, damages to assets reduced to the extent possible, damages remedied speedily and ensured that the situation remains under control, the first and foremost reason is the work put in round-the-clock in the heavy rains by the officers of all Departments inclusive of the Municipal Corporation, Electricity Sector, Public Works Department, Revenue Department and Police Department. However much we express our gratitude to them, it will not suffice.”

“As heavy rain is predicted for the next few days, I request people’s representatives and Government officers to continue the field work, unmindful of the time. Along with you, I too, as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu remain in the field; I will remain so.”

28.11.2021

The Hon’ble Chief Minister inspected and reviewed the flood damages at Padmavathi Nagar, Thiruverkadu Municipality, Tiruvallur District and directed officials to start immediate and speedy steps to bail out the stagnant water. From Padmavathi Nagar, he walked up to Velappanchavadi Panchayat Union Primary School, a distance of 2 km, saw the flood damages, listened to the demands of the people and instructed officials to undertake relief measures speedily.

After inspecting the relief camp at the Velappanchavadi Panchayat Union Primary school, Thiruverkadu Municipality, he distributed relief assistance to the more than 300 inmates in the camp. He also visited the special medical camp and the special Corona vaccination camp in the primary school and reviewed the arrangements there.

He visited the Police Lines at Amman Koil Street, Poonamallee Municipality, inspected the flood damages and ordered officials to take speedy action for removal of water and distributed relief articles.

He reviewed the pumping out of stagnant flood water in Sriram Nagar, Avadi Corporation and in Ganapathy Nagar in Thirumullaivoyal and distributed relief measures to people.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister showed his concern

for people when he advised the huge crowds that had collected in the streets at all places of his visit, to take care against infections in the rainy season, and to protect themselves against Corona by wearing face masks and undergoing vaccination without fail.

On his way to areas affected by the heavy rains, the Hon'ble Chief Minister graced the wayside tea stalls at Murthy Nagar, Avadi Corporation and at Poonamallee Highways by taking tea there and interacted with people there.

He distributed relief assistance to people at various arranged places.

At the special vaccination camp, held near the Tamil Nadu Housing Board tenements at Villivakkam, Chennai, he enquired the Doctors about the number of persons vaccinated and requested them to remain till evening and vaccinate all those who come to the camp.

29.11.2021

After visiting and reviewing the flood affected areas in PTC colony in Varadarajapuram Panchayat, Kancheepuram District, the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed officials to carry out repair works on a war footing. He visited the camp set up at the Vel's school in Varadarajapuram Panchayat for the affected people and distributed relief assistance.

He inspected the bailing out of water standing at 4 feet high, on a war footing with motor pumps at the PTC colony and surrounding areas at Bharathwaj Nagar, Varadarajapuram Panchayat, Kundrathur Taluk. In Kancheepuram District, about 930 persons have been accommodated in 25 camps.

A round the clock exclusive control room has been set up at the office of the Kancheepuram District Collector for receiving monsoon related complaints. Appropriate action is taken on the complaints received.

Following this, he visited the flood affected areas in Amudham Nagar, Mudichur Panchayat, Chengalpattu District and directed officials to undertake rectification works speedily. He also distributed relief assistance to people.

Besides, he collected details through

Special camp in Velappanchavadi Panchayat Union Primary School

Medical camp in Velappanchavadi Panchayat Union Primary School

At Ganapathi Nagar, Thirumullaivoyil

Drinking tea at Poonamallee highway road side shop

PTC Nagar, Kancheepuram District ...

PTC Nagar, Kancheepuram District ...

at Vels School relief camp , Kancheepuram District

Jyothi Nagar, Mudichur, Chengalpattu District...

enquiries about flood prevention works undertaken at Vaniyankulam, Irumbuliyur area in Tambaram Corporation.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the Chengalpattu District administration to remove stagnant rain water speedily after inspecting the affected areas in Jothi Nagar, Mudichur and enquired people about their needs of relief assistance.

Seven special officers of the grade of Deputy Collector have been appointed for monitoring the vulnerable areas for heavy rains in Chengalpattu District – Mudichur, Tambaram, Irumbuliyur, Guduvancheri, Thazhambur, Perumbakkam and Urapakkam – and relief works have been undertaken speedily.

The Chengalpattu District administration has publicized the numbers of whatsapp and toll-free phones, functioning round-the-clock for the general public to convey complaints related to North East Monsoon rains and required action is taken on the complaints received. About 2,313 persons have been safely accommodated in 44 camps in the District and their required basic needs have been fulfilled.

He visited the heavy rain induced flood affected Paper Mills road and Theetti Thottam 4th street in Kolathur Assembly Constituency as also the special medical camps held in Rajan Nagar, enquired the Doctors about the treatments given and distributed medicine and tablets to persons who have come for treatment.

He distributed relief assistance to the affected people in Krishna Nagar and commissioned 27 CCTV cameras, set up by the residential associations.

When the Hon'ble Chief Minister was visiting and reviewing the flood affected areas in Kumaran Nagar, Unnamalai street, Srinagar colony, Poompuhar Nagar, Retteri and Ambedkar Nagar, people of the areas conveyed their satisfaction over the Chief Minister's direct visit and speedy action to repair the affected areas and their happiness over the good performance of the Government.

He also saw the flood water flow in the Thanikachalam canal due to the heavy rains, inspected the affected areas in Shanthi Nagar, Durga colony and Nethaji Nagar and directed officials to undertake on a war footing the rectification and relief works. He also distributed relief assistance to the affected persons.

Regarding the works being carried out in the areas of Tambaram Corporation

Kolathur Main Road, Poompukar Nagar, Special Medical Camp...

Semmancheri, Alamelumangapuram...

Chennai, Semmancheri...

30.11.2021

Hon'ble Chief Minister visited various flood-affected places at Semmancheri, Chennai and reviewed the situation. He also inspected rain-water removal in those areas and directed officials to undertake speedy rectification and relief works.

He covered many areas by walk, met the people and enquired about their needs and instructed officials to provide food and essential commodities to people in inundated areas.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the special medical camp and COVID vaccination camps at Kumaran Nagar, Semmancheri and learnt from the Doctors about the treatments given to the people. He distributed relief assistance to people.

Later, he visited the flooded Karapakkam lake at Okkiyam Medu.

01.12.2021

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu reviewed the progress of the rectification and relief works in Semmancheri areas and distributed food and relief articles to the rain-affected people in Tsunami colony. He also visited the special medical camp in that area and reviewed.

While visiting the various flood-affected areas in Semmancheri, people from Alamelumangapuram gave a petition to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, requesting draining of the stagnant rain water in their places. The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the officials to launch door to door supply of milk, food and essential commodities and take speedy action for draining the rain water. When the Hon'ble Chief Minister went to Alamelumangapuram for a review of the steps taken, people of the area thanked him for the measures and for the distribution of relief assistance.

Later, he visited and reviewed the work to convert the 9 metre-wide bridge on Medavakkam – Sholinganallur road into a high rise bridge with a width of 70 metres at a cost of Rs.13 crore for the rain water to drain off and the works for the proposed Macro Drain to connect the Pallikaranai Marsh Land directly to the Buckingham canal at a cost of Rs. 47 crore.

02.12.2021

Inspection of the site where the new bridge on the Medavakkam, Sholinganallur road is to be built

The Hon'ble Chief Minister visited and reviewed many flood-affected areas in Thoothukudi District due to the heavy rains and the relief works undertaken, instructed officials to speed up the restoration and relief measures on a war footing and distributed relief assistance to the affected people.

Bryant Nagar, Thoothukudi...

At Bryant Nagar within the Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation limits, he saw the damages caused by the heavy rain and visited the areas affected by the stagnant water on the roads and residential areas and directed the officials to speedily take up the draining of the flood water. At Bryant Nagar, he waded through the stagnant rain-water for long distances, inspected the damages and learnt from people about the extent of damages and about their needs.

At the inspection in Thoothukudi District...

At Ambedkar Nagar and Rahmath Nagar, he inspected the damages caused by the heavy rains and asked the officials to take up works of removing the flood water.

At A.V.M. Mahal on the Ettayapuram-Madurai road, he distributed to about 3,000 persons, rice, grocery items, bed sheets, mats and other essential articles valued at Rs.42.60 lakh as relief assistance.

Earlier, a review meeting presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister was held at the Thoothukudi Corporation office about the flood damages and about the restoration and relief works being executed.

At the inspection in Thoothukudi District...

At this meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the officials to take appropriate steps for conducting the special medical camps continuously for controlling the monsoon-related diseases, preparing an integrated scheme to remove the stagnant rain water in the District, taking immediate steps to remove encroachments in waterways, repairing the damaged street-light posts for providing uninterrupted power supply to people, re-structuring causeways into regular bridges and for providing food to the inmates of camps, milk to children and uninterrupted supply of other essential commodities.

In Moulivakkam, Mangadu sub way area...

In Iyyappanthangal, Porur Lake, kalangal area...

Relief assistance at Iyyappanthangal, Paraniputhur areas

Thiruvallur District , Kosasthalaiyar river area...

The heavy rains in Thoothukudi District have damaged 41 houses totally and 532 partially; totally, a relief of Rs.25,04,900 has been disbursed to the house owners; a relief of Rs. 3,38,000 has been given towards loss of 28 cattle; Rs. 4 lakh each has been given to the families of 6 persons who have lost their lives in the floods.

Totally, at 387 places rainwater has stagnated in the District and 422 electric motors have been pressed into service to bail out the water. In Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation areas alone 390 electric motors are evacuating rain water in 355 places.

Eighty-seven relief camps are in a State of readiness in Thoothukudi District; in 34 of these camps, 2,184 persons have been accommodated and food as well as the needed basic articles have been provided to them.

04.12.2021

In Kancheepuram District, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected and reviewed the stagnation of rain water in the 'kalangal' area of Porur lake, Iyyappanthangal. He surveyed the flood water flow in the surplus canal of Porur lake and reviewed the situation. He distributed food and relief articles to the affected people in Paraniputhur road area, Iyyappanthangal and collected information from people about the damages and their needs.

Finally, he visited the inundated residential areas of Dhanalakshmi Nagar, learnt about the damages from people and directed officials to undertake restoration and relief works on a war footing in those areas.

06.12.2021

The Hon'ble Chief Minister visited and reviewed the rectification and relief works undertaken at Vadivudaiyamman Nagar, Manali Pudhunagar, Chennai. People in the area complimented him for his in-person inspections, excellent restoration works and for the uninterrupted supply of essential commodities. The Hon'ble Chief Minister told them that adequate steps would be taken to find a permanent solution for the damages caused by the rain water floods.

Tambaram Municipal Corporation, Irumbuliyur

Varadharajapuram PTC Quarters...

at Padikuppam Rail Nagar causeway, Chennai

at Padikuppam Rail Nagar causeway, Chennai

Later, he visited and reviewed that part of the Kosasthalai river in Vellivayal Panchayat, Ponneri taluk, Tiruvallur District and directed the Water Resources Department officials to insulate the residential areas from inundation caused by the surplus waters of the river.

07.12.2021

In Chengalpattu District, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected and reviewed the flood prevention works undertaken in the areas of Tambaram Municipality, Irumbuliyur and Vanniyankulam, queried the people there about the relief works undertaken and about their needs.

At Amudham Nagar in Mudichur Panchayat, he inspected the flood prevention and relief works and instructed officials to take suitable steps to retain on a permanent basis, the temporary canal dug to drain the stagnating rain water in Amudham Nagar into Adyar.

He also advised the officials to set up an open canal for diverting the surplus water from Mudichur lake into Adyar via Chikkana lake.

Later, he inspected and reviewed the flood prevention works undertaken in the PTC residential areas in Varadarajapuram Panchayat, Kancheepuram District and got first-hand information from the people there about the relief measures taken up there and about their needs. He also inspected and reviewed the flood prevention works undertaken by the Water Resources Department at the flyover area of Mahalakshmi Nagar.

At Mannurankulam, coming under Tambaram Municipal Corporation, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected and reviewed the sewage treatment station. As this station is functioning with 90 per cent capacity, he instructed the officials to take suitable steps to include the newly annexed areas of the Tambaram Corporation also to this station and increase its capacity to cent per cent.

08.12.2021

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected and reviewed the flood prevention and relief works undertaken at the causeway in Rail Nagar, Padikuppam coming under the Ambattur

In DTP Colony, Ambattur...

at Sabapathy Road, Kolathur...

at Valliammai Street, Kolathur...

at Venkateswara Nagar, Kolathur...

Assembly Constituency, Korattur lake and at Ambattur drainage canal and lake. He instructed the officials to take speedy steps to repair the damaged causeway at Padikuppam Rail Nagar and to construct a 93-metre-long flyover at a cost of Rs.16 crore.

Later, he inspected the flood prevention works undertaken at the Korattur lake area in DTP colony, Karukku Main Road and reviewed. Also, he inspected the construction of a retaining wall with a concrete base at the north and south ends of the proposed railway line in Kosasthalaiyar river basin and instructed the officials to complete the work speedily.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the Greater Chennai Corporation to set up an additional culvert for conveying surplus water to Korattur lake and thus prevent stagnation of rain water in Ambattur area and the Public Works Department to install two flood regulators.

10.12.2021

The Hon'ble Chief Minister called on three women who sustained injuries when the first floor wall of their two-storey house in Sabapathy Road, Thiru.Vi.Ka. Zone, coming under Kolathur Assembly Constituency collapsed on 23.11.2021, enquired about their health, solaced them and presented financial assistance. The injured persons are: Tmt. Jayalakshmi, Tmt. Sudha and Tmt.Mohana.

Following this, he met the people in Valliammai Street, enquired about their requirements and received petitions from them. They thanked him for the speedy removal of the stagnant water and requested him to resolve the sewage problem in their area. He directed the officials concerned to take immediate steps to redress their grievance.

He also had an interaction with the general public at the 11th street of the G.K.M. Colony and enquired about their needs. He visited Vannan Kuttai in Siva Ilango street and instructed officials to take steps to prevent the mixing of sewage in the kuttai (pond) and to prevent rain water from stagnating in the area.

Later, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed relief articles to the flood-affected people in Sky Mahal in -, in Lakshman Nagar, Akbar Square and in Jayaram Nagar 1st Street, Kolathur.

Death Centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar

Bright start to year-long centenary celebrations of Mahakavi Bharathiyar

Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity Thiru.M.P.Saminathan inaugurated on 04.12.2021, the year-long celebrations of Mahakavi Bharathiyar in the latter's memorial house at Thiruvallikeni, Chennai.

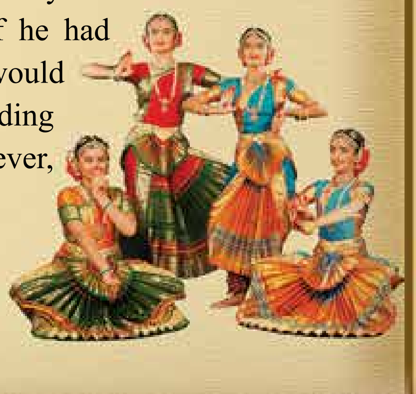
Mahakavi Bharathiyar was a fusion of passion for Nation, God, the Tamil language and fellow human beings. Bharathiyar not only wrote nationalistic songs about the freedom struggle but also penned songs for the social and economic rights of people.

To commemorate his great contributions, on his centenary death anniversary, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** made 14 major announcements. One announcement is that throughout the centenary year, every week a function will be organized in his Memorial House by the Information and Public Relations Department.

To implement the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the first function was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity Thiru. M.P.Saminathan on 04.12.2021 at Bharathiyar Illam.

Addressing the function, the Hon'ble Minister mentioned that while giving his Independence Day address at the Chennai Fort, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had said that 100 years had gone by since the demise of Mahakavi Bharathiyar. To commemorate the memory of freedom fighters, the Chief Minister had issued orders to the Information Department to garland their statues. In this way, the centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar will also be celebrated by the Information Department.

Unfortunately, Bharathiyar had died at a young age. If he had lived a little longer, he would have been a direct guiding force for people. However,



his songs are relevant even today and are influencing society for the better.

His inspiring words give an impetus to our lives; such are his stirring lines like, "Your mind should be strong, your words should be sweet, your thoughts should be good, your efforts must bear fruit, your dreams should come true". His poems will last till earth and humanity remain. They are valid even today and will remain so forever. The voice he raised during the freedom struggle has brought forth a new dawn.

Veerapandiya Kattabomman, Dheeran Chinnamalai and Ethalappa Naicker of Tiruppur District sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the Country. To commemorate their great sacrifice, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has issued orders for the setting up of memorials and statues in their honour.

In memory of the men and women thiyagis of the freedom struggle, a photo exhibition was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at the Koyambedu bus terminus. Thousands of people who frequent the bus terminus witnessed the exhibition and were inspired by it.

The Secretary of the Tamil Development and Information Department, Thiru. Mahesan Kasirajan I.A.S., and poet Andal Priyadharshini participated in the function attended by many members of the public.

Earlier, Director of Information and Public Relations, Dr. V.P. Jeyaseelan I.A.S., welcomed the gathering. Additional Director (Information) Thiru. T.Ambalavanan, proposed a vote of thanks. Nadaswaram music by students of the Tamil Nadu Government Music College and a Bharatanatyam recital by private school and college students were part of the event. ■

As per the announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** that year-long celebrations would be organized in connection with the centenary celebrations of the Mahakavi, on behalf of the Rainbow Cultural Centre, Tmt. Bharathi Bhaskar, spoke on 'Indru Puthithai Piranthom' at a function held at Bharathiyar memorial house at Thiruvallikeni in Chennai on 11.12.2021.

Tamil Nadu Day at India International Trade Fair 2021

Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Day function at the 40th India International Trade Fair 2021 at Lal Chowk Auditorium on 16.11.2021, by lighting the 'kuthuvilakku'.

Every year, the Trade Fair is held for 14 days from November 14 to 27 at Pragati Maidan. This year, the fair was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution System and Textiles, Thiru. Piyush Goyal. While various Indian States, Union Territories, Public Sector undertakings and Private sector companies that participated in the fair exhibited developmental programs, achievements and policies of their respective Governments, foreign Countries put on show important goods manufactured in their Countries for marketing.

The theme for the current year's Fair, is 'Self Reliant India.' The idea behind this is to make India and its people self-supporting and self-sufficient in all aspects.

At the pavilion set up by the Government of Tamil Nadu, Government Departments and its bodies like Information and Public Relations, Tourism, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Industry and Commerce, Tamil Nadu Corporation for development of women, Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., Handloom, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi, State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Ltd., and Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd., presented the achievements and developmental plans of their respective sectors through photographs and working models.

The Department of Information and Public Relations exhibited photos of the developmental schemes and achievements of the Government and the products manufactured in the State.

The display of a model of the archeological research that is going on at Keezhadi, Sivagangai District and which has abundantly yielded ancient

cultural artifacts of Tamils, attracting world attention, not only attracted the attention of visitors but also turned out to be an educational source for knowing the culture and lifestyle of Tamils.

The 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' festival, which is part of the 75th Independence Day anniversary events, is being celebrated with eclat in Tamil Nadu. On instructions from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K. Stalin, the Department of Information and Public Relations set up a grand photo exhibition with the title 'Viduthalai Poril Thamizhagam', at the Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus, Koyambedu, highlighting the contribution of the thiyagis who had laid down their lives for freedom and commemorating the untold tribulations and heroic deeds of those who participated in the freedom struggle. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open the exhibition on 01.11.2021. Similarly, the photos of women 'thiyagis' of Tamil Nadu in the freedom struggle and the photos of important 'thiyagis' are exhibited in the Tamil Nadu pavilion of the Trade Fair.

Short films on the biographies of Tamil Nadu 'thiyagis' and on Government achievements are screened regularly at the pavilion. Handbooks explaining the achievements of the participating Departments are also distributed to visitors.

At a press meet held at the function, Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity conveyed his National Journalism Day good wishes to journalists and said, "many Government Departments have exhibited their achievements at the India International Trade Fair. On behalf of the Departments of Industries, Agriculture, Information and Public Relations, photos of Tamil Nadu 'thiyagis' in the freedom Struggle with a short note on them have been displayed in the photo exhibition - 'Viduthalai Poril Thamizhagam', at the 75th Independence Anniversary. A climate has been created in Tamil Nadu for starting new industries through the various steps taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. This provides jobs to the youth resulting in the development of the State in many ways. The India International Trade Fair has received good reception from the people", he said.

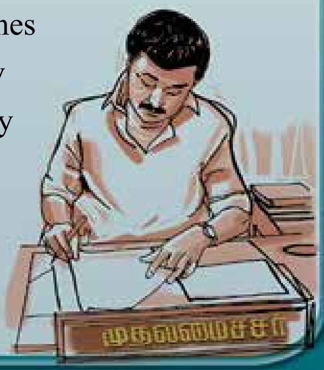
All the participating tates in the India International Trade Fair are celebrating their 'State Day'. Tamil Nadu celebrated its 'Tamil Nadu Day' at the Lal Chowk auditorium in Pragati Maidan on 16.11.2021.

November 16
National Press Day

Media echoes the people's voice

Today is the day to honour media persons who courageously fight for what is right! Media stands on the side of truth and echoes the voice of the people and shines as the fourth pillar of democracy! National Press Day greetings to all media persons who work with integrity and discipline!

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K. Stalin



December 10: World Human Rights Day

Let us vow to protect self-respect

The principle of Human Rights is ensuring basic rights to all people and fulfilling their basic needs without any distinction of caste, religion, race and gender. Every year December 10 is observed as World Human Rights Day, the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

The basic principle of human rights is treating others as one would want to be treated by them. In that way, the UN has announced this year's theme of Human Rights Day as "All Human, All Equal". This is what the Tamils had upheld 2,000 years back as 'Pirappokkum ella uyirkkum' and as 'Yavarum kelir' ('All are born equal'; 'All are one's kinsmen')

This is what the Tamil Nadu soil continues to foster in the name of 'self respect' in the political, social and cultural fields. Let us take a pledge on Human Rights Day to perpetuate the democratic rights given by the Constitution and safeguard every one's self respect.

-Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru.M.K. Stalin

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

December 6 :
Death anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

Pledge for an India of equality and social justice

On the memorial day of the 'Flame of Wisdom' Baba Saheb Ambedkar, who raised his voice for the oppressed and toiled all his life for their rights and freedom, let us take the pledge to foster an India where equality and social justice reign supreme in the way shown by him.

Hon'ble Justice (Retired) Thiru. Sivakumar, Chairman, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Commission garlanded the statue of Dr. Ambedkar at his Manimandapam in Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai, and paid his respects to him - 06.12.2021.

At Kamarajar Memorial House

Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan inspected the Kamarajar Ninaivu Illam in T.Nagar, Chennai, offered floral tribute to a portrait of Kamarajar and paid his respects on 19.11.2021.

December 11: 140th birth anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. R.N.Ravi** garlanded the statue of Mahakavi Bharathiyar and paid his respects in connection with the poet's 140th birth anniversary at the Bharathiyar Ninaivu Illam, Thiruvallikeni, Chennai

All of us are the king of this Country

"We all are one family,
we all are one race,
we are all Indians,
we are all equal,
our worth is the same,
we are all kings of this country,
yes, we are all kings of this country..."

- Mahakavi Bharathiyar

January 17: Bharat Ratna Dr. M.G.R's birth anniversary

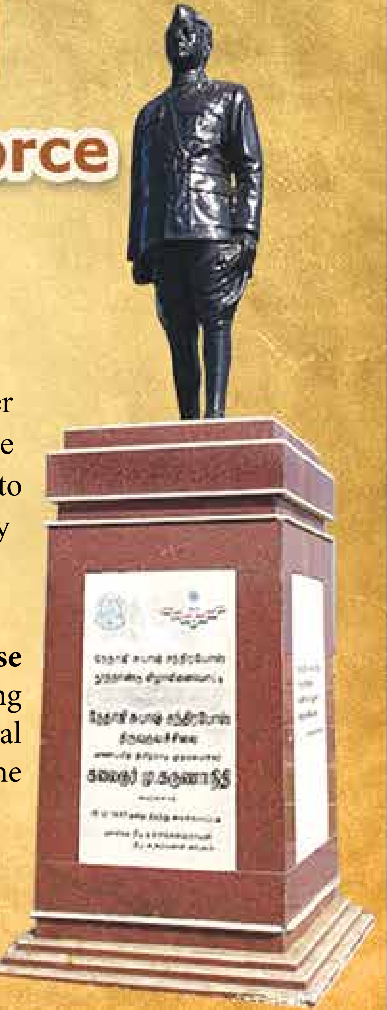
Friendship

" Only those who correctly understood me and M.G.R, could have understood the personal friendship between us. Those who did not understand and were aloof, those who were at a distance, and those who went by what was spoken at public meetings and what appeared in newspapers cannot understand our friendship. I have truly experienced that friendship and respected it''.

- from the speech of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar at the release of a commemorative postal stamp for M.G.R. held at Music Academy, Chennai on 17.01.1990.

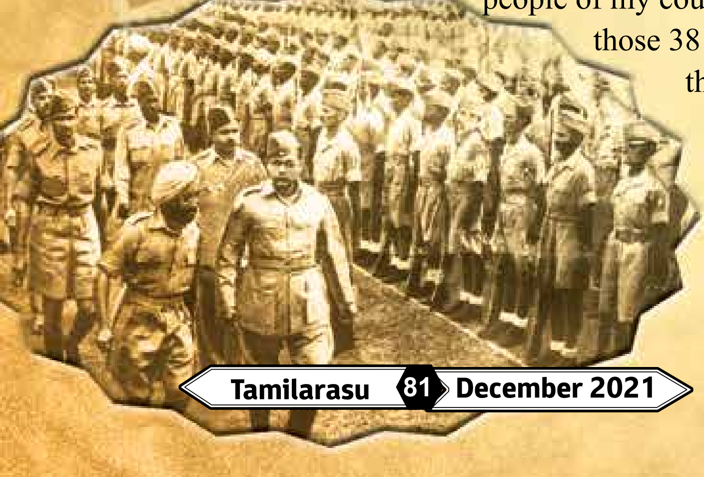
January 23: Netaji Subash Chandra Bose birth anniversary

Commander of the Freedom Force

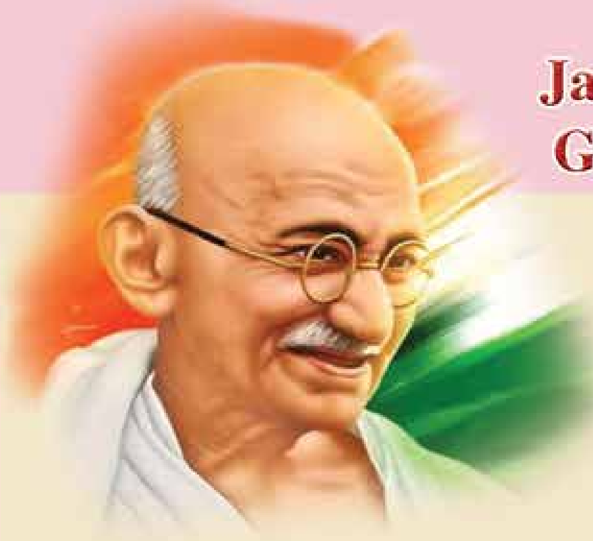


"From today, I directly take charge of the Leadership of the Indian National Army in the interests of the two organizations, Indian Independence League and the Azad Hind Army. I am proud and happy over this. What more honour can there be to an Indian than being the Commander of the Indian Freedom Army? I am a servant of the 38 crore people of my country. I am determined to give protection to those 38 crore people and conduct myself in a way that I earn the full faith of every Indian."

– Netaji Subash Chandra Bose
(A special order issued after assuming the leadership of the Indian National Army on 25.08.1943. Courtesy – The heroic history of Netaji).



January 30: Mahatma Gandhi memorial day



Beacon of sacrifice

Hailed as the Father of the Nation, and felled by caste and religious fanatics, the day of his martyrdom is observed as Day of Eradication of Untouchability and Religious fanaticism throughout the Country. In this way, Uthamar Gandhi Adigal who gave his life for this Country and its freedom shines as a beacon of sacrifice

– Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** surveyed the damages caused by heavy rains at Bryant Nagar within Thoothukudi Corporation limits, met the people and enquired about their requirements on 02.12.2021.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** placed a wreath and paid his respects to the mortal remains of the Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, at the Army Training College ground at Wellington in The Nilgiris District, consequent on the latter's death in a helicopter crash on 09.12.2021.

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